



# Parliament of Australia

House of Representatives

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**To Whom It May Concern**

## LETTER OF SUPPORT

### City of Greater Bendigo

#### *UNESCO Creative Cities Network – Gastronomy category*

I am writing to provide my support for the City of Greater Bendigo's application to join the UNESCO Creative Cities Network in the Gastronomy category.

Bendigo has a vibrant foodie culture from paddock to plate. From our local farmers' markets to our hatted restaurants, the opportunity to engage with local producers is unique and world class.

Producers in the region are passionate about sustainable farming practices and nutritious, healthy food.

With a growing and diverse industry, this region is quickly developing a reputation for great food and produce.

A real strength of this application relates to the region of the Dja Dja Wurrung and highlights the importance of Traditional Owner knowledge and contribution to the development of sustainable food systems.

Becoming Australia's only City of Gastronomy is a unique opportunity for Bendigo to showcase what the city and region has to offer.

I offer my full support to application and look forward to working with the City of Greater Bendigo as a member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network.

Yours sincerely

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