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Mr Trevor Budge
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Dear Trevor,

Support for UNESCO Creative Cities Network Application

I am writing in strong support of the City of Greater Bendigo's application to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network in the creative field of gastronomy.

Bendigo and the wider region has a rich history in creative pursuits - originating with our first people of the Dja Dja Wurrung, through to the pursuits of the nineteenth century gold-rush and now the modern day development in cultural and gastronomic endeavours. The region's credentials are outstanding and designation as a UNESCO Creative City will not only recognise its unique food and beverage offerings but its major contribution to creativity across many fields.

I also favourably note the emphasis in the application to working with the region's traditional owners, the Dja Dja Wurrung, and their program to support the region's indigenous food heritage.

I wish you well in the application and look forward to partnering with the City and working across the region should the application be successful.

Yours sincerely,


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