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The Hon. Sonya Kilkenny MP

Minister for Outdoor Recreation

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Dear Minister

We’re writing today in support of Strathbogie Shire Council’s calls for an annual allocation of funding, which will fully cover the delivery of the waterway manager role.

We are joining the Council’s campaign, because this is an essential service to locals and visitors to Lake Nagambie and the Goulburn River from Hughes Creek to the Goulburn Weir.

This service helps keeps our popular waterways safe.

It’s a key driver to the economic success of our region, which was hit hard by the October 2022 floods.

Businesses in our region are experiencing significant downturns.

This is further exacerbated as our largest accommodation provider - the caravan park - remains closed.

We cannot put this essential service at risk, but it’s not fair Council is paying for a service that is not their responsibility to deliver.

It’s now costing Council – and in turn ratepayers - $150,000 to $200,000 a year to deliver a service that is not a Council responsibility.

Strathbogie Shire – is a small rural shire with a limited number of ratepayers.

We need support from you, to ensure we continue to thrive, and our waterways continue to be a safe tourism drawcard to our region.

So today we’re also asking for a commitment for an annual allocation of funding, which will fully cover the delivery of this service, at no cost to Strathbogie Shire ratepayers.

We hope you will hear our calls and act to support our region.

Kind regards,

YOUR NAME