

Marysville Performing Arts Centre Feasibility Study

ADDENDUM

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As this Feasibility Study was being finalized the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority was releasing its document "Rebuilding Together – A Statewide Plan for Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery" ('The Plan').

We welcome 'The Plan' as it complements the MPAC Feasibility Study insofar as it applies to the subject matter.

As stated by Christine Nixon in her preamble to 'The Plan' (pg 4):

"The Rebuilding Together Plan focuses on delivering the first phase of projects identified in the Community Recovery Plans – projects that are critical to the social and economic recovery of communities after the fires.

"The authority will also continue to work with governments at all levels, the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund and corporate and philanthropic donors on other projects identified as being important to their future development"

It is pleasing that 'The Plan' specifically recognises the role of the Arts in helping communities to recover (pg 33). The statement in 'The Plan' *"The arts have a powerful capacity to help people recover from the disasters and move forward"* is certainly in accord with the findings of our Study.

We note that 'The Plan' provides for a sum of \$500,000 to be used to continue to develop the Marysville and Triangle Urban Design Framework.

The MPAC Feasibility Study has been submitted as a response to the UDF and we certainly look forward to working with VBBRA to advance the positioning of the MPAC as "catalyst project". We note with enthusiasm the statement regarding UDF funding that states *"The Plan provides funding for a second phase of development including detailed planning for infrastructure and public works to regenerate Marysville"*. We are confident that MPAC is a relevant consideration for second stage funding within this planning framework.

'The Plan' (pg 23) sets out the steps towards implementing the Community Recovery Plans – that appears to be entirely consistent with the MPAC proposal:

- Step 7 states that VBBRA will continue to work with the CRC's to assess remaining projects not delivered through the Rebuilding Together Plan and to consider the best ways of funding these projects.
- Step 9 states that *"Where there is interest in funding a project, the Authority brokers discussions between CRCs and interested parties, and helps CRCs to develop plans and governance arrangements for projects"*.

