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RE: Draft Report – Victorian River Health Strategy

The Rural City of Wangaratta wishes to make comment on the draft Victorian River Health Strategy.

Council considered the report at its meeting of April 9, and supports the policy direction of this document.

However, Council is concerned that the resources already made available to authorities for river and catchment management are inadequate. Both the North East Catchment Management Authority and the Department of Natural Resources and Environment do not have sufficient resources to maintain adequate programs. Council has previously communicated to government ministers on this matter.

If the policy objectives of the Victorian River Health Strategy are to be met in this region, sufficient resources must be made available to all authorities contributing to this goal.

It would be appreciated if the above comments be treated as a submission on behalf of the Rural City of Wangaratta.

Yours sincerely

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