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Dear Dr Ben-David

YARRA CITY COUNCIL PROPOSED BUDGET

Yarra City Council has proposed the introduction of a new waste service charge in their 2017-18 Proposed Budget which proposes to generate additional revenue of \$8.5 million.

It does not appear that Yarra City Council will match the increased revenue from this waste service charge with a corresponding reduction in general rates to be levied.

In relation to the proposed new waste service charge, I request the advice of the Essential Services Commission (the Commission) on Yarra City Council's compliance with the rate cap as specified in the *Local Government Act 1989*, and adherence to any relevant guidelines issued by the Commission.

I would appreciate your advice **by Friday, 5 May 2017**.

If you have any queries about this matter, please contact Paul Roche, Manager Sustainable Business Practices, Local Government Victoria via phone: 9948 8529 or email: paul.roche@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

HON NATALIE HUTCHINS MP
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