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MANSFIELD SHIRE

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Dear Sir/Madam

SUBMISSION TO MEASURING PRODUCTIVITY IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR CONSULTATION PAPER

Please find Mansfield Shire Council's submission to the ESC in relation to the Measuring Productivity in the Local Government Sector Consultation Paper (September 2017).

With reference to Corangamite Shire's submission dated 3 October 2017, Mansfield Shire Council is in full agreement with all of the issues and analysis of the discussion paper prepared by Corangamite Shire Council. We feel they adequately address the concerns of using the Data Envelope Analysis, issues with the proposed output and input measures, and using a strong evidence base for setting, or determining not to set, an efficiency factor.

Please acknowledge Mansfield Shire as raising and supporting the same issues in your consultation register.

The only additional suggestion Mansfield Shire Council can make in setting a way forward is to provide identifying information for all Councils listed in Figure 2.2 (page 13) of the report. This is an immediate case study of the entire sector in how the Data Envelope Analysis model is determining the relative effectiveness of Councils in Victoria and we feel will add significantly to the debate and feedback you will receive.

Yours sincerely

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