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Valeria Callister PSM  
Chair Fire District Review Panel  
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Dear Ms Callister

## FIRE RESCUE VICTORIA FIRE DISTRICT REVIEW

Thank you for your email dated 20 September 2021 inviting Mitchell Shire Council to consider and contribute to the deliberations of the Fire District Review Panel.

Mitchell Shire Council located on the northernmost part of the metropolitan growth corridor is a rapidly growing municipality, demonstrated by the predicted growth over the next few years to 2025 in the table below. Around 50% of the Shire's population will reside in the southernmost part of the Shire in Beveridge and Wallan.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Change
Mitchell Shire	48,969	51,273	54,240	58,173	62,780	+13,811
Wallan	14,478	15,481	16,578	17,932	19,600	+5,122
Beveridge	4,635	5,533	6,932	8,781	10,919	+6,284

We are interested in the work to be undertaken by the Fire District Review Panel and the methodology used to assess risk. The methodology proposed in the discussion paper includes elements we consider essential to assessing risk in our community i.e. land use planning, climate change.

The proposed methodology appears sound and we are interested in contributing where necessary to the fire district review and implementation of the risk assessment methodology.

Yours sincerely  
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