



Our Yarra: Healthy, Protected and Loved

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Dear [candidate name]

Congratulations on putting your hand up for election to your Council. Our councils are the bedrock of our governmental system, and they are the frontline of environmental protection and improvement. The Maribyrnong River flows through your local government area. The Maribyrnong River corridor is critical to the physical and emotional health of many communities in the west of Melbourne, and COVID-19 crisis has proved this.

The Yarra Riverkeeper Association (YRKA) is a community organisation that speaks for the Yarra and increasingly the Maribyrnong River. We also care for the rivers through litter and revegetation projects. The Riverkeeper's advocacy was fundamental to the achievement of the work around the Yarra and for the Waterways of the West initiative that followed on.

If elected, will you:

1. Support investment in the Maribyrnong River corridor in your municipality?
2. Support and implement development controls that protect the amenity of the Maribyrnong River?
3. Support the 'Waterways of the West' initiative?
4. Advocate for funding for the association so it can support a Maribyrnong officer to speak for the river and to patrol the Maribyrnong in our boat.

We would appreciate you answering our election requests in your election commitments. We would be pleased to include the good news in our social media. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Riverkeeper at the email address below or on 0408 850 810.

Yours sincerely

Warwick Leeson
President
Yarra Riverkeeper Association
Former Mayor
Shire of **Nillumbik**

Janet Bolitho
Board member
Yarra Riverkeeper Association
Former Mayor
City of Port Phillip

Andrew Kelly
Yarra Riverkeeper