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Mr Colin Morrison
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Dear Colin

SUBMISSION TO VICTORIA GRANTS COMMISSION IN RELATION TO 2008/9 ALLOCATION

Council wishes to make a submission in relation to the issue of ABS Data – Mount Buller Alpine Resort.

Council is in receipt of a letter from the Commission dated 31 December 2007 which indicates that prior to the 2006 census, the ABS included the resident population of the Mt Buller Alpine Resort as part of the population of Mansfield Shire Council, and that the Commission has used that data in determining its allocations.

The Commission advised that the population of the Mt Buller Alpine Resort will continue to be included with the population of the Mansfield Shire for the allocation of the 2008/9 grants, with that position to be reviewed in June 2008 after completion of the State Services Authority's review of the effectiveness of the institutional and governance arrangements of Victoria's alpine resort areas.

Council's understanding of the Review is that any recommendations will not apply until June 2010, which is the expiry date for the terms of Board members of the Alpine resorts. Council therefore requests that the Mt Buller population be included for the 2009/10 grants also.

Regardless of the outcome of the review, Mansfield Shire will continue to be a major service centre for residents of Mt Buller, with a large number of services being obtained from Mansfield.

Therefore, this should be recognised in Council's Grant allocation.

Yours sincerely

David Roff
Chief Executive Officer