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Dear Lisa

**SHEPPARTON PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C168 AND C224: TOOLAMBA PRECINCT
STRUCTURE PLAN AND TOOLAMBA GROWTH PLAN**

I am writing in response to your letter dated 14th May 2021 and the Proposed Panel Directions, which requests that Goulburn Valley Water (GVW) make a submission to the Panel in relation to any feasibility or implementation planning for reticulated sewerage servicing for Toolamba.

As per previous correspondence from the Corporation in 2012, I confirm that GVW supports the provision of reticulated sewerage in Toolamba. The following outlines a brief background and provides further details on the Corporation's position on this matter.

In response to a development application received by the Corporation in 2011, a concept level option for the provision of reticulated sewerage to the development was prepared by GVW in 2012. Based on this concept design, reticulated sewerage servicing would consist of the sewer assets required to service the new development and a pump station and sewer rising main (approximately 12km) capable of pumping wastewater from the development to the Corporation's Tatura Wastewater Management Facility (WMF).

As specified at the time, GVW's support of the above option was, and remains, on the basis that the developer will contribute 100% of the cost associated with servicing the proposed development, including the pump station and sewer rising main to the Tatura WMF. This condition for the developer to contribute the full cost of the assets required is consistent with GVW's New Customer Contribution Guidelines.

GVW recognises that the provision of reticulated sewerage to a single development in Toolamba creates opportunities for expansion of the reticulated sewer scheme to other new developments or existing dwellings within the township, however would only pursue this if there is desire from developers, existing landowners or other stakeholders to do so.

In relation to the details of any feasibility and implementation planning for reticulated sewerage, aside from an internal discussion paper prepared in 2012, which included the concept option for the development outlined above as well as concept options to extend the reticulated sewer to the wider township, the Corporation has not progressed with any further investigations. In addition, the provision of reticulated sewerage for Toolamba is not included in any of the Corporation's works programs.

If further exploration of reticulated sewerage servicing for Toolamba is of interest to any party, GVW is willing to discuss the sewer servicing options for Toolamba to support the health and prosperity of the community.

I trust this submission addresses the needs of the Panel and should you require any additional information on this matter, please contact myself on 0417 617 180 or Raju Ranjit on 0448 818 943.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Regan Flanagan', with a stylized, cursive script.

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