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Dear Cr Marsh and Mr Oz

Thank you for your recent letters dated 21 January 2025 and 19 February 2025 addressed to the Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon Vicki Ward MP, regarding the McCrae landslide. As this matter falls within my ministerial responsibilities, I have been asked to respond on behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services.

I am pleased to be able to announce that the Terms of Reference for the Board of Inquiry have been finalised and can be accessed through this link.

<https://www.gazette.vic.gov.au/gazette/Gazettes2025/GG2025S111.pdf>

The Chair of the Board of Inquiry, Ms Renee Enbom KC will lead the Inquiry into the cause of the landslide that occurred in McCrae within the Mornington Peninsula Shire.

Ms Enbom is an eminent Senior Counsel who has appeared in several Inquiries in Victoria over the last decade, including the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants and the Yoorrook Justice Commission, as well as several recent Commonwealth Royal Commissions.

When speaking to you on 27 February I was heartened to hear that you were eager to cooperate with the Board of Inquiry. I acknowledge the considerable effort by council to enact local relief and recovery arrangements following the landslide in McCrae. Of note is Council's responsiveness to community concerns, through keeping your community and residents updated, rapidly responding to security requests and considering the needs of evacuated residents, such as connecting utility services in advance of their return home.

In response to your enquiry regarding funding, the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) that is co-funded by the State and the Commonwealth has not been activated for this event. This program is only activated when there is damage to essential public assets and a minimum damage threshold has been reached. The criteria are not satisfied in the circumstances for the recent McCrae Landslide.

State Government support is routinely provided for emergencies of state significance. As the landslide was a localised event with the impacts experienced by private landowners, State Government funding has not been applied to this event. If you have any additional questions in relation to funding for the McCrae landslide please contact Dan Harper, Lead Director

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Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

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