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Inquiry into soil sequestration in Victoria

Submission no. 2

Dear Ms. Williams,

Re: Inquiry in soils sequestration in Victoria

In response to your request dated 25th November for Council advice on this matter, I write to detail:-

1. Council has not to date adopted a formal policy or position on soil sequestration;
2. These comments are thus from an officer level;
3. Being a municipality with only a small farming base, this issue – similar to Generically Modified Free Zones – is expected to have little effect on our community;
4. However, Council is the owner of some 2,000 ha of environmental land, native and natural protected bushland hillsides surrounding the township of Wodonga which may become a useful asset in this type of program.

In conclusion, we believe there is merit in this proposal subject to no further obligations or costs being placed on local government.

Yours faithfully

Mark Verbaken
**MANAGER ENVIRONMENT
& COMMUNITY PROTECTION**

