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Inquiry into soil sequestration in Victoria

Executive Officer
Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Parliament House
Spring Street
East Melbourne VIC 3002

Submission no. 7

Dear Sir/ Madam

INQUIRY INTO SOIL SEQUESTRATION IN VICTORIA

Golden Plains Shire welcomes the Environment and Natural Resources Committee Inquiry into Soil Sequestration in Victoria.

As a predominately rural shire with an economy based on broad acre agricultural production and intensive animal husbandry industries, Golden Plains relies on productive landscapes and agricultural practices to underpin its economy.

Organic carbon is an essential component of healthy soils that support productive agricultural landscapes. Soil sequestration shows potential for increasing organic carbon in soils leading to increases in soil productivity. Additionally, the active sequestration of carbon into the soil as a response to addressing increases in atmospheric CO₂ could lead to additional income streams for agricultural landholders under future carbon sequestration/trading schemes.

Golden Plains looks forward to the outcomes of the inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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