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### **REGIONAL CITIES VICTORIA RESPONSE TO DRAFT CORE SKILLS OCCUPATION LIST (CSOL)**

Regional Cities Victoria (RCV) is the peak body representing the municipalities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Horsham, Latrobe, Mildura, Shepparton, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, and Wodonga – local government areas home to more than 800,000 Victorians.


Local governments across regional Victoria play a unique and expanded role in job creation, economic development and diversification, strategic and statutory planning, infrastructure delivery and service provision, compared to those in Australia’s major cities.

The impacts of skills shortages on our organisations have a direct impact on community.

Demand for workers in Victoria’s regional areas is at an all-time high. Attracting and retaining skilled workers is a key challenge for councils in regional Victoria that is contributing to a shortage of worker accommodation and exacerbating Australia’s housing affordability crisis.

Based on our members’ recruitment challenges, RCV agrees that the Civil Engineer (ANZSCO 233211), Civil Engineering Draftsperson (ANZSCO 312211), and Civil Engineering Technician (ANZSCO 312212) occupations should be on the CSOL.

RCV strongly supports inclusion of Urban and Regional Planner (ANZSCO 232611) in the final CSOL, to enable councils to make planning decisions more quickly and allow local government to play its part in meeting the new housing targets set by Australian governments.

Should you require further information please feel free to contact the 

Yours sincerely,