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Dr Nick Rose Executive Director Sustain: The Australian Food Network Deakin University NicholasRanqliss.edu.au

Dear Dr Rose.

Thank you for the invitation to support the Urban and Regional Food Declaration. On 14 December 2016 Council endorsed to accept the invitation to become a signatory of the declaration.

The Shire of Augusta Margaret River Community Strategic Plan 2033 and Draft Economic Development Strategy 2016-2026 supports the purpose and intent of the Urban and Regional Food Declaration, envisioning the Shire of Augusta Margaret River as one that recognises "that all life has intrinsic value, is interconnected and that biodiversity and ecological integrity are part of the irreplaceable life support systems upon with the earth depends". Council is therefore committed to using its best endeavours to meet the needs of current and future generations through sustainable food practices.

Thank you for your work on this initiative. Should you have any questions on the Shire's contribution in the area, please feel free to contact Kirstie Kitis, Coordinator Community Planning and Development on (08) 9780 5269 or email kkitis@amrshire.wa.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

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Shire President