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Mr David Tilson Australian Disaster Management Information Network 1st Floor 4 Riverside Quay SOUTH MELBOURNE VIC 3205

Dear Mr. Tilson,

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I would like to place on record both my personal and the VICSES' sincere appreciation for WICEN's assistance, co-operation and commitment during the recent floods in northern Victoria. Whilst this Service is the combat agency for response to floods in Victoria, in an event of this magnitude it was impossible for us to be self sufficient, and even though we know and accept that Victoria's arrangements are based upon agencies helping each other in times of disaster, nevertheless it is pleasing to know that there is such a willingness by other agencies to provide meaningful assistance when it is really needed.

Your support at local, regional and state level certainly contributed in no small measure to our completing a successful operation in which, thankfully, no lives were lost and injuries were few and minor. Whilst one hopes that there will be no further events of this nature we all know that that is unlikely to be the case and it is with a great deal of pleasure that I look forward in confidence to your ongoing support the next time it is needed.

Thank you again for your assistance and please pass on to all those who helped my sincere thanks for their contribution.

Kind regards,

Rhys Maggs Director