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I, Councillor Dick Gross, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 18 April 2018:

That Council submits to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council, the following motion:

1. That the MAV undertake a short study of how councils in the same catchment can collaborate to obtain better outcomes for the catchment.
2. That the MAV advocate that the State Government work with Councils in the Elster Creek Catchment to identify and deliver the infrastructure works needed so that no properties have an 'intolerable' (extreme) flood risk.

Supporting Information

The Elster Creek Catchment is a large, complex, heavily urbanised drainage catchment (approximately 4,100 hectares) located across the cities of Port Phillip, Kingston, Glen Eira and Bayside. The catchment feeds into Elwood Canal and forms part of the regional drainage network.

The flood risk for the Elster Creek Catchment (including Elwood Canal) has been assessed as 'extreme', and the City of Port Phillip alone has identified 2,352 properties within this extreme risk area.

For example, Elwood residents are periodically flooded during high rainfall events. Impacts range from flooded floors and property damage to difficulty accessing properties due to flooded streets.

Melbourne Water has responsibility for the management, maintenance and capital works program for Elster Creek /Elwood Canal. Councils are responsible for the 'minor' drainage system and pipelines with capacity for 'nuisance flows'.

Despite Councils efforts to reduce flooding, our limited authority over the whole catchment means that a number of Port Phillip properties remain at risk.

Collaboration between councils in the same catchment accords with the role of a Council as described in s3D(2)(d) and (e) of the Local Government Act 1989 (Vic), "advocating the interests of the local community to other communities and governments" and "acting as a responsible partner in government by taking into account the needs of other communities".