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Re: Support for the Urban and Regional Food Declaration

Dear Dr Rose,

On behalf of Conservation Volunteers Australia, I wish to convey our support for the Urban and Regional Food Declaration.

As Australia's largest conservation volunteer organisation, we aim to inspire change by connecting people to nature. We recognise that as Australia is becoming increasingly urbanised, there is a need to connect people living in urban areas to the environment in diverse and meaningful ways. We see a clear connection between creating vibrant and integrated food systems, and our vision for more resilient and sustainable cities.

Ultimately, we believe that by advancing the stated priorities in the Food Declaration we can simultaneously improve community health and wellbeing and achieve positive environmental outcomes at the same time.

We look forward to future collaborations and see a tremendous opportunity in helping to engage the community in urban and peri-urban food growing initiatives nationally.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin Jackson".

Colin Jackson
CEO, Conservation Volunteers