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Dear Nina

Response to the Public Engagement Framework: Consultation Draft

The International Association for Public Participation Australasia (IAP2A) would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Victorian State Government on the consultation draft Public Engagement Framework.

The Framework is a significant piece of work and represents a key milestone towards achieving your public engagement vision of *“Working together to make better decisions and improve the lives of Victorians.”*

Additionally, we congratulate you on the commitment to lifting the quality of your engagement activities and making it a whole of government priority. And, we thank you for building on the values and standards developed by IAP2, which are widely used and globally recognised.

To support you, IAP2A promoted the consultation opportunity to our members and friends, in our e-newsletter ‘Engagement Matters’ as well as social media posts on our Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter accounts.

We look forward to receiving the final Public Engagement Framework (when released) and would be delighted to work more closely with you in the future.

In closing, I wanted to share with you that the IAP2A Conference is being held in Melbourne (21 & 22 October 2020), which will see some 400 engagement professionals come together to strengthen and advance the practice. The Call for Papers will be released shortly and the Core Values Awards applications are now open.

If you have any further questions, please do feel free to contact me directly at the contact details provided below.

Yours sincerely

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About IAP2 Australasia

The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) is a global member association which seeks to promote and improve the practice of public participation or community and stakeholder engagement. The organisation incorporates individuals, governments, institutions and other entities that affect the public interest throughout the world.

As an international leader in public participation, IAP2 has developed tools that are widely used and acknowledged. These are the *Core Values for Public Participation* for use in the development and implementation of public participation processes; the *IAP2 Public Participation Spectrum* which assists with the selection of the level of participation that defines the public's role in any community engagement program; and, the *Quality Assurance Standard for Community and Stakeholder Engagement* which is recognised as the international standard for public participation practice.

IAP2 Australasia is the largest IAP2 affiliate in the world and has almost **10,000 members**.