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Dear Vineyard Owner,

MORNINGTON PENINSULA PHYLLOXERA REZONING PROJECT: YEAR 1 RESULTS

The Mornington Peninsula Phylloxera Rezoning Program is a collaborative project between Agriculture Victoria and the Mornington Peninsula Vignerons Association.

The project is being undertaken to further develop the biosecurity status of commercial vineyards on the peninsula, and to help prevent phylloxera moving into the region.

The rezoning project involves completion of annual vineyard inspections across the region over a three-year period. Once completed, the region will be recognised as a Phylloxera Exclusion Zone (PEZ) by industry and interstate biosecurity agencies.

Year 1 of the Rezoning program has now successfully been completed and I am pleased to announce that **no phylloxera** has been detected during the vineyard inspection program.

In accordance with national requirements, legislation has now been enacted under the Plant Biosecurity Act 2010 (the Act) declaring the Mornington Peninsula Geographic Indicator as an interim Phylloxera Exclusion Zone. The legislation controls the introduction of phylloxera host material into the region.

Attached to this letter is a fact sheet which provides you with a guide on phylloxera host movement requirements which now apply to the region.

The MPVA website will continue to provide updates on the survey program and other relevant biosecurity information. Year 2 of the survey program is expected to commence in Nov/Dec 2018.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the rezoning project.

Yours sincerely,

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