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Ms Kim Tolotta  
Chair, Australian Safe Communities Foundation  
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Dear Ms Tolotta,

This letter is to notify the Australian Safe Communities Foundation of Monash University's intention to apply for International Safe Community Membership.

Monash is committed to using collaborative approaches to identify, develop, promote and improve its safety initiatives which support members of the Monash community. Our programs, in partnership with local councils, demonstrate this commitment and we look forward to tracking their progress as part of the designation process.

Monash believes that the World Health Organisation Safe Community designation process will enable us to further improve existing initiatives and to identify and fill gaps in our present suite of programs and services. A closer connection with other safe communities will benefit our own practices and enable us to share our expertise, both within the higher education sector and the wider community.

For some years Monash has had a Safer Community Committee comprising senior staff representing key stakeholder groups within the University. This Group is now functioning as the Steering Committee for the designation application. In addition, we have formed a number of taskforce groups with diverse community representatives that focus on specific areas of activity. These groups will identify current initiatives, assess their effectiveness and collaborate to address areas of risk and potential improvement.

We look forward to working with the Australian Safe Communities Foundation and other safer community groups throughout and beyond the designation application process.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Ed Byrne, AO  
Vice-Chancellor and President  
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