

Melbourne University



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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter confirms that we, the Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences, within the University of Melbourne have embarked on a collaboration with Ms Kelly McLannett and her team at Food Ladder. We currently see opportunities to leverage the creative energy, technological solutions and global contacts of Food Ladder to:

- build intensive horticulture capabilities at our Dookie Campus in the Goulburn Valley for the purposes of research, development, teaching, extension and community engagement (University and Regional Development Victoria funds);
- enhance our engagement with local indigenous groups interested in developing bush foods, and broadening the diversity of plants grown commercially for food in Australia (University funds);
- enhance our international engagement, particularly in rural India, through knowledge of the reach and approach of the Food Ladder team;
- and secure funding under the Commonwealth's CRC program focussing on regional food hubs and networks.

At present, we are working collaboratively and in good faith on these initiatives, preferring to work toward tangible deliverable outcomes, than formalise our approach through a memorandum.

Yours sincerely,



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