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Dear Sir /Madam

Boundary Realignment Proposal

I wish to advise that at its meeting held on Tuesday 22 January 2019 Council considered a report in relation to a boundary realignment proposal and resolved as follows:

Stage 1

Council (Campbelltown Council) would like to submit a general proposal to the Commission to consider a boundary realignment between it and Adelaide Hills Council.

The relevant area (proposed boundary realignment) is shown in blue on the attached map.

Council considers that boundary realignment is the most appropriate option as it will assist in increased operational capacity, efficient and cost effective delivery of services, effective planning and development, accessibility, and adequate and fair representation for both Council areas. In addition it will consolidate and formalise a seemingly existing local community and community of interest. Council strongly believes that it will enhance the capacity of both Councils to deliver results to local communities in a more strategic and effective way.

The objects of the Act (Local Government Act 1999) as stated in Section 3 of the Act have been considered as part of this proposal, and Council believes that the proposal strongly aligns With the Objects of the Act. In particular the following sections of part 3 are pertinent to this proposal:

- (b) to encourage the participation of local communities in the affairs of local government and to provide local communities, through their councils, with sufficient autonomy to manage the local affairs of their area;



Council believes that the residents in the relevant area more closely align with the Campbelltown Council area than the Adelaide Hills Council area. Preliminary discussions initiated by residents from the area have indicated that they feel like they live and either work or play in the Campbelltown Council area and access services provided by Campbelltown Council. Some of them already participate in Council's community engagement as many decisions that Council make directly affect them. The boundary realignment would potentially formalise an existing 'local community' and enable residents to formally participate in Council decision making, and increase civic pride.

- (e) to improve the capacity of the local government system to plan for, develop and manage local areas and to enhance the capacity of councils to act within their local areas as participants in the Australian system of representative government.

The residents in the relevant area are closely aligned to Council, and as previously stated the realignment would formalise this situation. Council recognises that there is some uniqueness contained within the relevant area and as such would plan to have a separate policy area in Council's Development Plan for the relevant parts within this area.

- (f) to encourage local government to provide appropriate services and facilities to meet the present and future needs of local communities

Efficient and relevant service delivery, and provision of facilities is a key component to the realignment proposal. Residents in the relevant area use and associate with services and facilities within the Council area. It makes sense for both Councils from an efficient cost effective service delivery perspective, for residents within the relevant area to be serviced by that Council. Generally residents within the relevant area avail themselves to Campbelltown's services on a regular basis, and potentially shop, recreate, and educate in the Campbelltown area.

Council has also closely considered the Section 26 Principles that the Commission is required to have regard to in making boundary reform decisions. Council is confident that the proposed boundary alignment meets the Section 26 Principles and is well positioned to formally reply to each principle in Stage 2 of the proposal, and demonstrate how the proposed realignment meets each of these principles.

If you have any queries, please contact me on the above number. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive Officer

