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Notification of stage 1 potential boundary proposal

I write to inform you that the Boundaries Commission (the Commission) has been notified by the Light Regional Council (the Council) of a potential boundary change proposal (the Potential Proposal). This Potential Proposal relates to a boundary change affecting the Light Regional Council, The Barossa Council, the Town of Gawler, and the City of Playford.

The process by which the Commission deals with boundary proposals is set out under Chapter 3 Part 2 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) and in the nine guidelines that the Commission has published that detail certain aspects of the boundary change process.

At its meeting on 11 June 2020, the Commission considered the Potential Proposal along with relevant information, including all correspondence received in relation to the Potential Proposal.

When discussing potential proposals, the Commission gives close consideration to the principles contained under section 26 of the Act. These principles are of fundamental importance to boundary change proposals and ultimately form the basis of any recommendation that the Commission makes to the Minister.

It is for this reason that the Commission's Guidelines require prospective initiators to consider these principles at the outset of a potential proposal.

The Commission has determined that the Council's Potential Proposal would be a general proposals, however, it does not easily align with the principles under section 26.

In particular the Commission notes that the Potential Proposal does not address the broader concept of a 'community of interest' nor does it specifically identify common interests between the affected communities.

Therefore, under Stage 1 of Guideline 3, the Commission has advised the Council that a general proposal as outlined in the Potential Proposal cannot be referred for consideration.

The information about the Potential Proposal from the Council along with the Commission's nine guidelines are available at the Office of Local Government's (OLG's) website—www.dpti.sa.gov.au/local_govt/boundary_changes.

Please note that under the Commission's publication policy it publishes documentation relating to council boundary change proposals received by the Commission as well as the Commission's correspondence providing notification of proposals. This documentation is also available at OLG's website.

If you have further questions, please contact the Commission's Executive Officer on (08) 7109 7148.

Yours sincerely



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