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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 Town of Gawler (the Council) of a potential boundary change proposal (the potential proposal). This potential proposal relates to a boundary change affecting the Town of Gawler, The Barossa Council, the Light Regional Council and the City of Playford.

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

At its meeting on 20 January 2020, the Commission considered the potential proposal along with relevant information, including all correspondence received in relation to the potential proposal.

Under Stage 1 of Guideline 3, the Commission has advised the Town of Gawler that it may refer a general proposal to the Commission. Councils should note that advice from the Commission that a general proposal can be referred does not guarantee that the proposal will be formally accepted.

If a proposal is referred to the Commission, it is the Commission's responsibility to determine whether the proposal should be investigated. If the Commission determines that a proposal should be investigated, all affected councils will be notified of this decision.

Guideline 9 also outlines the engagement and consultation that the Commission will undertake when investigating proposals. The Commission must undertake thorough community engagement on proposals before making any recommendations to the Minister. This would include close engagement with councils that may be affected by the proposal.

When discussing 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 may make to the Minister.

The information about the potential proposal from the Town of Gawler along with the Commission's nine guidelines are available at—

www.dpti.sa.gov.au/local_govt/boundary_changes

I trust that this information is of assistance to you. If you have further questions, please contact Mr Thomas Rossini in the Office of Local Government on 7109 7443, or thomas.rossini@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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