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Dear Mr Donaldson

Re: **Town of Gawler Stage 2 Boundary Change General Proposal – Inquiry Cost Estimate**

Council thanks the South Australian Local Government Boundaries Commission (the Commission) for its correspondence dated 17 August 2022 addressing Council's concerns by providing a safeguard in the procurement process, providing adequate security for Council in moving forward to the investigative stage.

I am writing to advise the Commission that Council, at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 August 2022, resolved to proceed to the next stage of the Boundary Change Process by agreeing to fund a Stage 3 Inquiry in regards to Town of Gawler's General Proposal for Boundary Change, subject to the conditions set out in Resolution no 2022:08:COU250 as shown below:

Resolution no: 2022:08:COU001

Moved: Cr C Davies

Seconded: Deputy Mayor D Hughes

That Council:

1. *Notes the various correspondence between the Local Government Boundaries Commission (Commission), Council and Mayor Redman as provided as Attachments to this report.*
2. *Continues to support the Boundary Reform initiative.*
3. *Authorises the Mayor to:*
 - a. *Thank the Commission for allowing an improvement to the procurement process that considerably reduces Council's risk in progressing to the next stage of the process.*
 - b. *Advise the Commission that Council wishes to proceed to an Inquiry/Investigation under the terms offered in the Commission's correspondence dated 17 August 2022 on the understanding that:*

- I. *If the outcome of the tender process is of a value equal to or below the cost estimate provided by the Commission, Council approves proceeding with, and funding, an Inquiry/Investigation;*
 - II. *If the outcome of the tender process is of a higher value than the cost estimate provided by the Commission, Council will be provided capacity to make a final decision to proceed or not with funding an Inquiry/Investigation.*
4. *Notes the cost estimate of \$379,500 (excl. GST) including a 15% contingency for undertaking the Stage 3 Investigation/Inquiry into the Town of Gawler's General Proposal for Boundary Change.*
 5. *Notes that, subject to the outcomes of the State Government's procurement process, Council may need to allocate further funds to the already provisioned \$250,000 (\$125,000 provided in the 2022/23 Budget, and \$125,000 provided in 2023/24 within the Long Term Financial Plan) to provide for the Stage 3 Investigation/Inquiry.*

I thank the Commission for its work in assessing Council's General Proposal and in addressing Council's concerns with the procurement process.

Council and my community stand ready to participate in the investigative inquiry process and is eager to receive the resultant report and its recommendations.

Kind regards

Karen Redman

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