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Dear Mayor Whittaker

Campbelltown City Council Stage 2 Boundary Change General Proposal

Thank you for your correspondence received on 17 August 2022 providing feedback on the South Australian Local Government Boundaries Commission's (the Commission) draft Inquiry Plan for the Campbelltown City Council Stage 2 Boundary Change General Proposal.

At its meeting on 7 October 2022, the Commission considered feedback received from both your council and Adelaide Hills Council (the affected councils) on the draft Inquiry Plan. As a result, the Commission adopted the Inquiry Plan with amendments to address most of the matters identified by the affected councils.

The Commission noted the Adelaide Hills Council's views that the draft Inquiry Plan did not outline how section 31(3)(b) (ii) and 31(3)(b) (iii) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) will be implemented. These provisions require consideration of the extent of support for the Proposal from the relevant communities and the affected councils. The Commission believes that these requirements will be appropriately addressed through the Inquiry Plan engagement arrangements and in turn all relevant views will be considered holistically in the Inquiry.

The affected councils will be consulted on the development of an engagement plan before its finalisation and implementation as part of the Inquiry.

The Commission appreciated the feedback from the affected councils enabling it to finalise the Inquiry Plan. The adopted Inquiry Plan is attached for your information.

In accordance with *Guideline 8 - Costs*, the Commission will provide the Campbelltown City Council (the council) with a cost estimate for the Inquiry based on the Inquiry Plan scope of works. A formal tender process will be undertaken seeking quote/s from suitably qualified consultancies. **Please note that the cost estimate will not be a fixed fee quote** because unforeseen additional matters may be identified during the Inquiry and require additional investigation. As previously advised Section 32B of the Act provides for the Commission to recover reasonable costs of an inquiry in relation to a general proposal referred to the Commission by a council.

It is anticipated that the cost estimate will be provided to the Council for its consideration following the conclusion of the 2022 periodic local government elections. As previously advised, the Inquiry will only proceed if the Council provides a clear direction to do so, after considering the cost estimate.

If the Council decides to proceed based on the cost estimate, in accordance with section 31(2)(b) of the Act the Commission will consult with the affected councils on the appointment of an investigator/s.

I advise that, under the Commission's publication policy, the information about the Proposal has been made available at— www.dit.sa.gov.au/local-government/boundaries-commission.

If you have further questions, please contact the Commission on 7133 1311 or boundaries.commission@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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CHAIR

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

Attachment: Campbelltown City Council Boundary Change General Proposal Inquiry Plan