

26 July 2023

The Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP  
Acting Minister for Local Government  
GPO Box 1533  
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Dear Minister

The South Australian Local Government Boundaries Commission (the Commission) has conducted an inquiry into a publicly initiated council boundary change proposal in the area of the township of Tickera that potentially affects the boundary between the Copper Coast Council and the Barunga West Council (the Proposal).

In accordance with s 30(3) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act), the Commission consulted with the Hon Geoff Brock MP, Minister for Local Government, on this matter, including on the Commission's proposed recommendation that the Proposal not proceed. A draft of the *Tickera Township Proposal Inquiry Report* (the Report) was prepared and forwarded to Minister Brock on 22 December 2022 to assist his consideration of this matter.

Minister Brock, after considering the Draft Inquiry Report, advised the Commission on 15 March 2023 that he had no comment in relation to this matter.

Following the Minister's advice the Commission finalised its Inquiry Report into the Tickera Township Publicly Initiated Boundary Change Proposal. The Commission made no further changes to the draft Inquiry Report or the Commission's recommendation within the Report.

In accordance with s 30(4)(a) of the Act, the Commission has published the Report on the Commission's web page and now provides you, as Acting Minister for Local Government, with a copy of the Report (Attachment 1) in accordance with s 30(4)(b) of the Act.

The Commission requests that you make a determination under s 30(6) of the Act, that the Proposal proceed or that the Proposal not proceed. To clarify, if you determine that the Proposal proceed, you will determine that the proposed boundary change will occur. **If you determine that the Proposal not proceed, you will determine that no boundary change take place.**

Following your determination on this matter, the Commission will notify all relevant parties in accordance with s 32(1) of the Act.

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In preparation for the final stages of the inquiry process, the Commission sought advice from the Crown Solicitor's Office (CSO) on the ability or the requirement of the Minister to make a determination under s 30(6) or 31(10) of the Act if the Commission makes a recommendation to not proceed with an administrative proposal or a general proposal. The CSO advice received on this matter is attached for your information (Attachment 2).

If you have further queries about the Proposal, please feel free to contact the Boundaries Commission's Executive Officer, Mr Peter Ilee on 7133 1414 or by email to [boundaries.commission@sa.gov.au](mailto:boundaries.commission@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Rob Donaldson

**CHAIR**

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES COMMISSION**

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 - Tickera Township Publicly Initiated Boundary Change Proposal – Final Inquiry Report
- 2 - Crown Solicitor's Office Advice