

3 August 2022

Mayor Michael Lange OAM  
The Barossa Council  
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### **Timelines for the Submission of Stage 2 General Boundary Change Proposals or Further Information**

Dear Mayor Michael

I write regarding your Council's Stage 1 potential proposal in relation to a boundary change between The Barossa Council and Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, and Mid-Murray Council. The potential proposal was referred to the Boundaries Commission (the Commission) on 17 October 2019.

As you are aware, the Commission undertakes the initial assessment of reform proposals, oversees investigations, and makes recommendations to the Minister for Local Government on council boundary change proposals.

S 27(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) requires the Commission to prepare and publish guidelines for the purposes of considering boundary proposals and making recommendations to the Minister. These can be amended by the Commission at any time.

The Commission is conscious of the fact that some boundary change proposals can generate interest or concern from affected communities and councils. It is therefore important that Stage 1 potential proposals are not left 'inactive'.

To reduce the impacts on affected communities and councils, the Commission has recently amended Guidelines 3, 4, 6 and 8. These amendments enable the Commission to establish timeframes for the referral of a Stage 2 proposal for an initiating body or person and provide timeframes for the provision of additional material requested by the Commission.

The Commission's amended Guidelines can be found on the Commission's website, as per the link below:

<https://www.agd.sa.gov.au/local-government/boundaries-commission>.

As you are aware, a significant period of time has now passed since the Commission gave advice to your Council on your potential proposal. The Commission has determined that if a Stage 2 proposal or the requested additional information is not provided to the Commission by **28 February 2023** the Commission may refuse to inquire into the proposal.

Should you have any questions regarding the amendments to the Guidelines or the timeframes applied by the Commission to the Council's potential proposal, please contact the Commission by telephone on (08) 7109 7146 or via email at

[boundaries.commission@sa.gov.au](mailto:boundaries.commission@sa.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Donaldson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rob Donaldson

**CHAIR**

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES COMMISSION**