

16 October 2025

The Hon Joe Szakacs MP
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Via email: Minister.Szakacs@sa.gov.au

Dear Minister

Town of Gawler Boundary Change Proposal – Commission Amended Inquiry Report

Thank you for your letter dated 18 September 2025 providing your response to the South Australian Local Government Boundaries Commission's (the Commission) Town of Gawler Boundary Change Proposal Inquiry Report (the Report) and recommendations.

Under s31(8) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act), you requested that the Commission make the following specified amendments to the Report and its recommendations to reflect the following:

- **That Area 1 – the Concordia Growth Area** – be retained in The Barossa Council.
- **That Area 2 – the area of Hewett** - be retained in Light Regional Council.
- **That Area 3A (North) – the area of Kalbeeba** that is north of Calton Road – be retained in The Barossa Council.

The Commission has carefully considered your requested amendments to its Report and the reasons for those requested amendments.

The Commission remains satisfied that its original recommendations provided for the best long-term community and local government outcomes for all of the affected areas including Concordia Growth Area – Area 1, Hewett – Area 2, and Kalbeeba – Area 3A (North).

However, the Commission acknowledges your intent not to proceed with the recommended changes to Hewett, Concordia Growth Area and Kalbeeba 3A (North), and the advice that no other recommendations made by the Commission may proceed in this circumstance.

The Commission considers that the recommendations it made for Kalbeeba – Area 3A (South), Kalbeeba – Area 3B (Springwood), Gawler Belt – Area 4, Evanston Park – Area 5, Reid – Area 6, Hillier – Area 7, Bibaringa – Area 8 and Uleybury – Area 9, remain valid and appropriate. The Commission has therefore resolved to amend its

recommendations for affected areas 1, 2 and 3A (North) to align with your request as a procedural necessity, so that you may consider the Commission's recommendations in relation to the remaining affected areas.

In summary, the Commission has amended its recommendations to the following:

- the **Concordia Growth Area - Area 1 (Amended) - be retained in The Barossa Council.**
- the area of **Hewett - Area 2 (Amended) - be retained in the Light Regional Council.**
- the portion of **Kalbeeba - Area 3A** that is south of Calton Road - be retained in The Barossa Council **and the portion of Kalbeeba – Area 3A (Amended) that is north of Calton Road – be retained in The Barossa Council.**
- the portion of **Kalbeeba - Area 3B** - that includes the Springwood Development - move from The Barossa Council to the Town of Gawler.
- the portion of **Gawler Belt - Area 4** - be retained in the Light Regional Council.
- the portion of **Evanston Park - Area 5** - move from the City of Playford to the Town of Gawler.
- the portion of **Reid - Area 6** - move from the Light Regional Council to the Town of Gawler.
- the portion of **Hillier - Area 7** - move from the City of Playford to the Town of Gawler.
- the portion of **Bibaringa - Area 8** - move from the Town of Gawler to the City of Playford.
- the portion of **Uleybury - Area 9** - move from the Town of Gawler to the City of Playford.

After the completion of relevant procedures in relation to the Inquiry under s 31 of the Act, the Commission will give public notice of your determination in relation to the proposal and notify the relevant persons and/or bodies of your determination, in accordance with s 32(1) of the Act.

Should you determine to proceed with the proposed boundary changes as now recommended by the Commission, the Commission also provides three general recommendations relating to the implementation of any boundary changes.

In addition to this, the Commission recommends that amendments to the Act be considered to allow the Minister to determine that separate recommendations of the Commission made in relation to a single local government boundary change proposal with multiple parts, may proceed or not proceed, to resolve this issue for future inquiries.

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If you have further queries about the Town of Gawler Proposal, please feel free to contact the Commission's Executive Officer, Mr Peter Ilee on 7133 1311 or by email to boundaries.commission@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Donaldson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rob Donaldson

CHAIR

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES COMMISSION