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WITHDRAWAL OF STAGE 1 BOUNDARY CHANGE GENERAL PROPOSAL

Dear Mayor Lange

Thank you for your letter (dated 15 February 2023) confirming withdrawal of The Barossa Council's boundary change proposal. The Commission has received and noted your advice. Our records and website will be updated to reflect a 'withdrawn' status.

The Commission also noted with interest your observations about the current approach to local government boundary change in South Australia. As you would be aware, there are several council boundary change proposals progressing at this time, based on the relatively new Local Government Act legislative framework. A small number of Inquiries into proposals have also been completed.

The Commission must work with the policy and legislation of the day, but will certainly reflect on early experience and learnings from boundary change initiatives at an appropriate time. Your feedback on recent experience and a vision for an improved approach would be much appreciated as part of a review process.

Thank you again for confirming your Council's withdrawal and for your considered perspective on local government boundary change in South Australia.

Should you have any further questions, please contact the Commission by telephone on (08) 7133 1311 or via email at boundaries.commission@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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