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Dear Mayor Wisdom

Campbelltown City Council Stage 2 Boundary Change General Proposal

Thank you for your correspondence received on 26 August 2022 providing feedback on the South Australian Local Government Boundaries Commission's (the Commission) Inquiry Plan for the Campbelltown City Council Stage 2 Boundary Change General Proposal.

As you are aware, the process by which the Commission deals with boundary change proposals under Chapter 3 Part 2 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) is set out in the nine guidelines that the Commission has published on this matter.

At its meetings on 7 October 2022 the Commission considered the Adelaide Hills Council and the Campbelltown City Council's (affected Councils) feedback on the Inquiry Plan. The Commission has amended the inquiry plan to include a number of the suggested inclusions.

The Commission noted the Adelaide Hills Council's views that the Inquiry Plan does not outline how section 31(3)(b) (ii) and 31(3)(b) (iii) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) will be investigated. These sections of the Act seek consideration of the extent of support from the community and the affected Councils on the Proposal. The Commission is confident that these sections will be considered holistically in the inquiry and are appropriately covered in the engagement requirements of the Inquiry Plan.

In accordance with section 31(2)(b) the Commission will consult with the two affected councils on the proposed team of investigators.

A suitably qualified investigator will be appointed to undertake the legislative and guideline requirements regarding council and community engagement and will undertake an appropriate investigation into the above-mentioned sections of the Act. The Commission will consult with the two affected Councils on the development of an engagement plan before its finalisation.

The Commission is confident that it has considered and addressed all feedback provided by the affected Councils and has now finalised the Inquiry Plan. The Inquiry Plan is attached for your information.

In accordance with *Guideline 8 - Costs*, the Commission's next step will be to obtain a cost estimate for the inquiry. The Inquiry Plan will form the basis of the scope of works for the cost estimate.

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It is anticipated that a cost estimate will provide to the Campbelltown City Council for its consideration following the conclusion of the 2022 periodic local government elections. As previously advised, the inquiry will only proceed if the Campbelltown City Council provides a clear direction to do so, when it has considered this cost estimate.

If the Council decides to proceed based on the cost estimate, in accordance with section 31(2)(b) the Commission will consult with the affected councils on the proposed team of investigators.

The Commission will advise both Councils of the next steps in the process if the Campbelltown City Council decide to proceed with an inquiry based on the cost estimate.

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 7109 7164 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