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Notification of stage 1 potential boundary proposal

I write to inform you that the Boundaries Commission (the Commission) has been notified by The Barossa Council (the Council) of a potential boundary change proposal (the potential proposal). This potential proposal relates to a boundary change affecting The Barossa Council, the Town of Gawler, the Light Regional Council and the Mid Murray Council.

The process by which the Commission deals with boundary proposals under the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) is set out in the nine guidelines that the Commission has published that detail the aspects of the boundary change process.

At its meeting on 14 November 2019, the Commission considered the potential proposal along with relevant information, including all correspondence received in relation to the potential proposal.

Under Stage 1 of Guideline 3, the Commission has advised The Barossa Council that it may refer a general proposal to the Commission.

If a proposal is referred to the Commission, it is the Commission's responsibility to determine whether the proposal should be investigated. Councils should note that advice from the Commission that a general proposal can be referred does not guarantee that the proposal will be formally accepted.

When discussing proposals, the Commission gives close consideration to the principles contained under section 26 of the Act. These principles are of fundamental importance to boundary change proposals and ultimately form the basis of any recommendation that the Commission makes to the Minister.

Guideline 9 also outlines the engagement and consultation that the Commission will undertake when investigating proposals. If the Commission determines that a proposal should be investigated, all affected councils will be notified of this decision.

The Commission must undertake thorough community engagement on proposals before making any recommendations to the Minister. This would include close engagement with councils that may be affected by the proposal.

The information about the potential proposal from The Barossa Council along with the Commission's nine guidelines are available at—
www.dpti.sa.gov.au/local_govt/boundary_changes.

If you have further questions, please contact Mr Thomas Rossini in the Office of Local Government on 7109 7443, or thomas.rossini@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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