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Dear Mayors

### **Notification of Stage 2 General Boundary Proposal – Town of Gawler**

I write to inform you that the Boundaries Commission (the Commission) has received a Stage 2 boundary proposal from the Town of Gawler. This proposal relates to a boundary change affecting the Town of Gawler, The Barossa Council, the Light Regional Council and the City of Playford.

As you are aware, 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.

The Commission will now assess the Town of Gawler's proposal in accordance with the Act and the Commission's Guidelines and determine whether to inquire into the proposal.

When considering any boundary change proposal, the Commission must refer to the objects of the Act as a whole, and in particular, the Principles contained within section 26 of the Act. If the Commission determines to inquire into the proposal, section 31 of the Act sets out the process for these inquiries. Guideline 4 provides information on inquiries into general proposals, including how a submission is progressed by the Commission.

All affected councils will be notified of the Commission's consideration of the proposal. As previously advised, Guideline 9 also outlines the engagement and consultation that the Commission will undertake when investigating proposals. 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.

As you appreciate, this proposal for boundary change is both significant and complex. I therefore anticipate that the Commission will carefully assess the proposal, and, if it proceeds, prepare a detailed plan for an inquiry into it, to ensure that the any recommendations the Commission may make to the Minister on this matter reflect what is in the best interests of the communities affected by it.

I also anticipate that the Commission will keep all affected councils closely informed as we work through the process to consider, and potentially inquire into this proposal.

Information about the proposal from the Town of Gawler along with the Commission's nine guidelines are available at—

[https://www.dit.sa.gov.au/local\\_govt/boundary\\_changes](https://www.dit.sa.gov.au/local_govt/boundary_changes)

I trust that this information is of assistance to you. If you have further questions, please contact the Office of Local Government on 7109 7443 or [boundaries.commission@sa.gov.au](mailto:boundaries.commission@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



**Bruce Green**  
Chair, SA Local Government Boundaries Commission

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