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Town of Gawler – Stage 2 General Boundary Proposal

Dear Mayor Redman

Thank you for your letter of 22 December 2020 providing the Town of Gawler's (the Council's) Stage 2 General Boundary Proposal to the Boundaries Commission (the Commission).

The Commission notes that the Council resolved to proceed with the proposal at its meeting on 15 December 2020 and also notes the significant work that the Council has undertaken to develop the proposal.

The Commission will now assess the proposal in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999* (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 also provides information on inquiries into general proposals, including how a submission is progressed by the Commission.

As you are aware, the Commission may appoint one or more investigators to undertake a detailed inquiry into the proposal and may recover reasonable costs of the inquiry. In accordance with Guideline 8, the Commission will provide the estimated costs of the inquiry to the Council, so that it can make a final decision whether or not the Commission should proceed to the inquiry stage.

As set out in Guideline 9, I have notified the councils affected by the Council's proposal.

I also advise that, under the Commission's publication policy, the information about the proposal has been made available at—

https://www.dit.sa.gov.au/local_govt/boundary_changes

As you appreciate, the Council's 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 both your Council, and other affected councils closely informed as we work through the process to consider, and potentially inquire into this proposal.

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.

Yours sincerely



Bruce Green

Chair, SA Local Government Boundaries Commission

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