

SA LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

20 January 2020 Meeting

AGENDA ITEM 5.1: TOWN OF GAWLER – POTENTIAL PROPOSAL (BC20 01)

PURPOSE

To provide the Boundaries Commission (Commission) with a summary and recommendation for the Town of Gawler's potential boundary proposal.

BACKGROUND

The Town of Gawler (the Council) wrote to the Boundaries Commission on 3 December 2019 with a potential boundary proposal.

PROPOSAL

As required by Guideline 3, the Council has written to the Commission to enable the initial consideration of a potential proposal, as a 'General Proposal' initiated by a council.

The potential proposal would affect sections of Light Regional Council, The Barossa Council and the City of Playford. It seeks both the inclusion of areas currently within other council areas, as well as the transfer of land within the current Council boundary to other councils as follows:

Areas to be included in the Town of Gawler:

- Area 1 - Concordia Growth Area - (The Barossa Council)
- Area 2 – Hewett - (Light Regional Council)
- Area 3 – Kalbeeba (including Springwood) - (The Barossa Council)
- Area 4 - Gawler Belt - (Light Regional Council)
- Area 5 - Evanston Park – (City of Playford)
- Area 6 – Reid - (Light Regional Council)
- Area 7 – Hillier - (City of Playford)

Areas to be removed from the Town of Gawler:

- Area 8 - Bibaringa – Transfer to City of Playford
- Area 9 - Uleybury - Transfer to City of Playford

At the Councils 26 November 2019, the Council carried the following motion with a 6/4 vote—

1. Notes the Council Change Proposal – Further Analysis and Stage 1 Proposal Report.
2. Notes the correspondence received from the Boundaries Commission and neighbouring Councils as provided in Attachments 1 and 3.
3. Notes that the staged approach to Boundary Reform includes a number of hold points requiring Council decision.
4. Approves the submission of a Stage 1 Proposal as provided as Attachment 6 to the Boundaries Commission for feedback.
5. Notes that feedback received from the Boundaries Commission on the Stage 1 Proposal will be presented to Council for consideration prior to proceeding to the development of a Stage 2 Proposal.

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6. Adopts, in principle, the proposed communication and consultation plan for Stages 1 and 2 of the Boundary Reform Process.

7. Notes that the potential costs for further progressing its boundary reform deliberations forming the Stage 2 process is estimated at \$10,000. This cost will be sought to be allocated as part of the 2nd Quarter Budget Review. Should Council decide to proceed with the Stage 3 Investigation of a General Proposal to be conducted by the Boundaries Commission, a budget allocation will be prepared as part of the 2020/21 Budget.

DISCUSSION

Relevant Guidelines

Given the information available, it is apparent that the potential proposal will be a general proposal. Accordingly, *Guideline 3—Submitting a General Proposal to the Commission* is the relevant Guideline for the Commission to now refer to, along with the Section 26 Principles in the Act.

The intent of a potential proposal is for the proponent to provide initial information on the proposal, so that initial advice or comments can be received from the Commission prior to the Council committing the resources necessary to complete general proposal (Stage Two).

Considerations for the Commission

Questions for the Commission to consider in regard to this Stage 1 proposal—

- Has the Council considered Guideline 3 and made reference to the section 26 principles in its potential proposal?
- If the Council has adequately addressed the section 26 principles, does the Commission wish to advise the Council that they may refer a general proposal to the Commission if they wish to do so?
- Or, is further work or information required from the Council to assist the Commission to form a view on this matter?
- Should the Commission provide any other advice to the Council in relation to its proposal?

Correspondence

Correspondence has been received from the Light Regional Council and the Hickinbotham Group in objection to the proposal. Further discussion of this correspondence is provided in Attachment 2.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- That the Commission discuss the Town of Gawler's potential proposal (Attachment 1), and the Stage 1 checklist (Attachment 2)
- That the Commission note the correspondence received in relation to this proposal (Attachments 4 and 5)

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- That the Commission write to the Town of Gawler informing the Council that it may referral a general proposal to the Commission if they wish to do so.
- That the Commission notify the affected Councils of the Commissions determination.

ATTACHMENTS

1. The Town of Gawler potential proposal – (Attachment 1)
2. Stage 1 checklist - (Attachment 2)
3. Map of proposed boundary change - (Attachment 3)
4. Letter from Light Regional Council - (Attachment 4)
5. Letter from Michael Hickinbotham (Hickinbotham Group) – (Attachment 5)