

## Attachment 2

Stage 1 – Checklist	
<b>Proposal initiator</b>	Town of Gawler
<b>Proposal Type</b>	Council initiated – General proposal
<b>Council motion passed</b>	26 November 2019
<b>Date referred to Boundaries Commission</b>	4 December 2019
<b>Nature of Proposal</b>	<p>The intent of this potential proposal is to realign the Town of Gawler's (the Council) boundary to formalise what the Council believes to be its existing (and future) Community of Interest, which the Council believes currently extends past its existing boundaries.</p> <p>The potential proposal also seeks to remove current administrative anomalies such as property boundary interceptions and/or realign boundaries so that entire suburbs are included (or excluded) from within the Council's boundary.</p> <p>This potential proposal seeks both the inclusion of new areas as well as the renouncement of land within the current Gawler boundary as follows:</p> <p><b>Areas to be included in the Town of Gawler:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area 1 - Concordia Growth Area</li> <li>• Area 2 - Hewett</li> <li>• Area 3 – Kalbeeba (including Springwood)</li> <li>• Area 4 - Gawler Belt</li> <li>• Area 5 - Evanston Park</li> <li>• Area 6 – Reid</li> <li>• Area 7 – Hillier</li> </ul> <p><b>Areas to be removed from the Town of Gawler:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area 8 - Bibaringa</li> <li>• Area 9 - Uleybury</li> </ul>
<b>Affected Councils</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town of Gawler</li> <li>• The Barossa Council</li> <li>• Light Regional Council</li> <li>• City of Playford</li> </ul>
<b>Alignment with Section 26 principles</b>	<p>The Council have given consideration for the S 26 Principles by outlining the proposals alignment with the principles for each of the areas the Council wish to include within its boundary.</p> <p>The consideration provided by the Council is somewhat repetitive for each affected area, however, the Council has provided relatively detailed consideration for the principles considering this is a potential proposal. Further detail would need to be provided by the Council if a General Proposal is to be developed.</p> <p>The Council's proposal outlines that the Council has, for many years been providing for a community that is much larger than what is contained within its current boundary.</p>

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	<p>The Town of Gawlers population is 23,034, however the Council estimates that it is providing services to a larger region of in excess of 110,000 people.</p> <p>The potential proposal acknowledges Gawler as a regional service centre for the northern wider region, and is of the view that Gawler's Community of Interest extends well beyond its current boundary.</p> <p>The areas identified for inclusion into the Council are predominantly past or future residential growth areas, including Hewett and Concordia. The Council is of the view that existing and future residents within these growth areas will heavily rely on the services provided by the Town of Gawler compared to their current Council as these areas are significantly closer in proximity to Gawler compared to their current Council service areas.</p> <p>Some of the services provided by Council and their utilisation rates from members of the community who reside beyond Council's boundary are provided below as examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approximately 50% of Gawler's Aquatic Centre Learn to Swim students reside outside of Gawler.</li><li>• 7 schools outside of the Gawler LGA utilise the Gawler Aquatic Centre for DECD swimming lessons.</li><li>• 46% of students who participated in DECD swimming lessons attend schools outside of the Gawler LGA.</li><li>• 36% of Aquatic Centre season pass members reside outside of Gawler.</li><li>• 33% of Gawler library members reside outside of Gawler.</li></ul> <p>The Council believes that due to proximity, residents within the identified areas for inclusion into the Council will join local churches, community groups and sporting clubs, utilise the retail and service precincts, participate in community events, attend schools and enjoy the many recreation and open space facilities within Gawler, inherently forming part of the Gawler Community of Interest.</p> <p>The Council believes that it is important that this Community of Interest is formalised within the Town of Gawler so that the Council can effectively plan for and represent this community.</p> <p>The Council state that consolidation of local government administrative services will generate the economies of scale that will more likely assist in the cost of services being reduced better enabling one Council, as opposed to two Councils, achieving reductions in rates that residents and business have to pay.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Council believes that the proposed boundary adjustment will allow greater integration in the areas of hard</p>
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	<p>infrastructure, waste services and maintenance activities, soft infrastructure, social infrastructure, open space, connectivity and walking and cycling trails which the identified areas for inclusion into the Town of Gawler already rely upon.</p>
<b>Correspondence received</b>	<p>Two pieces of correspondence have been received in regards to this potential proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light Regional Council - objection</li> <li>• Michael Hickinbotham (Hickinbotham Group) – objection</li> </ul> <p>These submissions predominantly outline that the potential proposal is not in the best interest of the community and businesses within the Town of Gawler and that the existing Councils (Light Regional Council specifically) provide excellent services to its communities.</p> <p>OLG have acknowledged receipt of these submissions and responses have been provided.</p>
<b>OLG Analysis</b>	<p>On review of the Council's potential proposal OLG is of the view that the Council has considered Guideline 3 and made reference to the S 26 principles.</p> <p>It is apparent that there is an identified community of interest.</p> <p>This proposal is predominantly based around identified growth areas which fall outside of the Town of Gawler's current boundary.</p> <p>On an initial review it appears that some of these growth areas are significantly serviced by the Town of Gawler and not their current Councils – especially by way of recreation and community services.</p> <p>The evidence provided by the Council in terms of usage of its facilities by patrons outside of the Town of Gawler's boundary suggests and supports the notion that Gawler is a regional centre and provides significant services to a wider community.</p> <p>The potential proposal also highlights the role that the Town of Gawler plays in servicing the wider Barossa and Light region, which in their own right provide for regional agricultural and viticulture opportunities and economies but maybe lack opportunities to provide regional level service provision to the residential areas in the northern region.</p> <p>OLG is aware that there has been some debate amongst members of the Town of Gawler, resulting in a 6/4 vote at its Council meeting regarding this proposal and whether this proposal is in the best interest of the community.</p>

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	<p>A number of councillors raised concerns that community consultation should have been undertaken before the Council referees a potential proposal to the Commission. This consultation did not occur, with a majority vote in support of the proposal progressing in its current form.</p> <p>The Council have provided high level financial analysis outlining possible financial opportunities if this proposal was to eventuate.</p> <p>Although further detailed financial analysis would need to be undertaken as part of a General Proposal and through an investigation the initial consideration by the Council demonstrates the Councils understanding of its community of interest and has identified and planned for future outcomes for the wider norther region.</p> <p><u>Conclusion</u></p> <p>On review of the Council's potential proposal OLG is of the view that the potential proposal has addressed Stage 1 of Guideline 3, including providing consideration of the s 26 principles.</p> <p>This potential proposal would see a significant change to the northern regional Council boundaries. Due to the size and nature of this potential proposal it is likely that if investigated, this proposal would incur a significant cost to the Council.</p> <p>Advice to the Council could include that this potential proposal contains a number of boundary changes that may be administrative proposals, including the Reid, Hillier, Bibaringa and Uleybury areas – the Council may wish to consider this in developing its general proposal.</p>
<b>OLG Recommendation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the Commission discuss the Town of Gawler's potential proposal (Attachment 1) and the Stage 1 checklist (Attachment 2)</li> <li>• That the Commission note the correspondence received in relation to this proposal (Attachments 4 and 5)</li> <li>• That the Commission write to the Town of Gawler informing the Council that they may refer a general proposal to the Commission if they wish to do so.</li> <li>• That the Commission notify the affected Councils of the Commissions determination.</li> </ul>