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Dear Elizabeth

Boundary Change Proposal in the Truro and Dutton District - Mid Murray Council and The Barossa Council

I refer to the boundary change potential proposal dated 8 October 2024 received from the Representatives of the Truro and Dutton Community to realign the boundary between the Mid Murray Council and The Barossa Council. The submission proposes to move the townships of Truro and Dutton, including portion of the surrounding area, from the Mid Murray Council to The Barossa Council (the Potential Proposal).

At its meeting on 19 November 2025, the SA Local Government Boundaries Commission (the Commission) considered the Potential Proposal against the requirements of section 26(1)(c) Principles of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) and the Commission's Guideline 3 – *Submitting a General Proposal to the Commission* and Guideline 6 – *Proposals Initiated by Members of the Public*.

Eligible Elector Requirements

As a publicly initiated proposal, an integral part of the initial process is to establish that the eligible elector criteria has been satisfied in line with the requirements of Guideline 6 - *Proposals Initiated by Members of the Public*.

The Commission notes the correspondence included in the submission dated 3 October 2024, from Mr Ben Scales, CEO of Mid Murray Council, where it was verified that 112 eligible electors completed the required Form 1 – Declaration by Eligible Electors.

Guideline 6 – *Proposals Initiated by Members of the Public* requires that the CEO of the affected council must provide confirmation of the required number of eligible electors with respect to a proposal. It is noted that the letter from the Mid Murray Council CEO verifies the number of eligible electors who completed the Form 1 Declaration but not that the required minimum number of eligible electors to fulfill the requirements of the Proposal have been satisfied.

In order for the Commission to confirm that the submission satisfies the requirements of a Stage 1 Potential Proposal, please provide confirmation from the CEO of the Mid Murray Council that at least 10% of eligible electors within the area proposed to be moved are represented within the Form 1 Declarations made.

The Commission has resolved that upon meeting the above eligible elector requirement, a Stage 2 Publicly Initiated Boundary Change General Proposal (Stage 2 General Proposal) may be submitted to the Commission.

Stage 2 General Proposal Submission

When submitting a Stage 2 General Proposal, Guideline 3 – *Submitting a General Proposal to the Commission* and Guideline 6 – *Proposals Initiated by Members of the Public* provides an outline the process and information required.

Given that the Commission is required to take the section 26 Principles into consideration when making recommendations about boundary changes, a Stage 2 submission is required to detail how the Potential Proposal fits with each of the Principles.

While the Commission notes the information within your Potential Proposal addresses a number of matters from the section 26 Principles, a Stage 2 General Proposal requires each of the section 26 Principles to be specifically addressed in detail, together with any other supporting information as outlined in the relevant Guidelines.

Of particular interest to the Commission is how the Proposal affects both councils, either positively or negatively, in terms of the proposed changes to the area, population, asset and revenue base.

It is noted that the current responses from the two councils appear to be letters and emails from the Mayors, which while implying in-principle support for the Potential Proposal, do not confirm nor constitute formal resolutions of the councils. If you have evidence of formal discussions of the Potential Proposal by the affected councils, this should be included in the Stage 2 General Proposal.

Please note that submission of a Stage 2 General Proposal does not guarantee that the Potential Proposal will be formally accepted by the Commission to proceed to inquiry.

On receipt of the Stage 2 General Proposal, the Commission will assess the General Proposal and determine whether it meets the requirements of the Act and Guidelines. At this time, the Commission may seek additional information to assist with making its decision and will notify you of its decision whether to inquire into the General Proposal.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact the Commission's Executive Officer, Mr Peter Ilee, on 7133 1311 or by email to boundaries.commission@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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