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## **City of Port Lincoln Stage 1 Boundary Change Potential Proposal**

Dear Mayor Flaherty

Thank you for the City of Port Lincoln's (the Council) potential Boundary Change Proposal (Stage 1) submitted on 20 July 2021 for the SA Local Government Boundaries Commission's (the Commission's) consideration.

As you are aware, the intent of the two-stage requirement under Guideline 3 is to enable the Commission to provide advice it considers relevant to a potential general proposal (Stage 1) before extensive work is done by a proponent to develop a general proposal (Stage 2).

This advice may assist proponents in deciding to proceed to refer a general proposal to the Commission and also to ensure that matters that the Commission considers important to the proposal are fully covered in this Stage.

At its meeting on 18 August 2021, the Commission considered the Council's potential proposal against the requirements of Guideline 3 — Submitting a General Proposal to the Commission.

When discussing a proposal, the Commission gives close consideration to the requirements of Guideline 3 and the principles contained under section 26 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act). These principles are of fundamental importance to boundary change proposals and ultimately form the basis of any recommendation that the Commission may make to the Minister.

The Commission acknowledges the work undertaken by the Council to develop its potential proposal and that some consideration has been given to address the requirements of Guideline 3 and the Section 26 Principles. Furthermore, the Commission notes that the Council made contact with the Commission's staff prior to referring its potential proposal.

Since the Council's discussions with the Commission staff, the Commission has developed a template for potential proposals which highlights the areas in which the Commission considers important to address in a potential proposal. A copy of the potential proposal template is attached for your information.

It is acknowledged that this template was not provided to the Council prior to it developing its potential proposal, however, there are a number of matters that the Commission would like the Council to address before the Commission can provide advice as to whether a General Proposal (Stage 2) can be referred by the Council.

The Commission does not expect the Council to complete this template, considering the work that the Council has already undertaken, but requests that the Council give further consideration to the following matters, as per the template.

Section 26 Principles:

1. **Section 26 Principle 26(c)(ii)** - Proposed changes should, wherever practicable, benefit ratepayers
2. **Section 26 principles, 26(c)(iv)** - a council should offer its community a reasonable range of services delivered on an efficient, flexible, equitable and responsive basis
3. **Section 26 principles, 26(c)(iv)** a council should have a sufficient resource base to fulfil its functions fairly, effectively and efficiently;
4. **Section 26 principles, 26(c)(vii)** - a council should reflect communities of interest of an economic, recreational, social, regional or other kind, and be consistent with community structures, values, expectations and aspirations
5. **Section 26 principles, 26(c)(viii)** a council area should incorporate or promote an accessible centre (or centres) for local administration and services

Additional Suburbs

The Commission notes the statement in the Proposal that Council may also consider the inclusion of the additional suburbs of North Shields, Point Boston, Duck Ponds and Sleaford in the development of a General Proposal (Stage 2), subject to feedback from the Commission and the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula.

The Commission is of the view that the areas that a proponent wishes to be considered in a boundary change proposal must be made at the outset of developing a potential proposal, and therefore included in Stage One. Advice on a proposal that is provided at this stage cannot be considered to be relevant or applied to other matters that may be provided to the Commission in the submission of a general proposal (Stage Two).

If the Council is of the view that the additional suburbs should be considered by the Commission, the Council may wish to consider withdrawing its current potential proposal, and submit a new potential proposal that clearly includes all areas under consideration.

Once the above mentioned information is provided to the Commission, the Commission will further discuss the potential proposal and provide the Council advice as to whether a General Proposal (Stage 2) can be referred to the Commission.

Should you have any further queries about the information required please contact the Boundaries Commission on 7109 7164 or by email at [boundaries.commission@sa.gov.au](mailto:boundaries.commission@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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On behalf of

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Commissioner

25 August 2021

Cc: Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley, District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula