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Dear Mr Byrth

### **Tickera Township - Publicly Initiated Council Boundary Change Proposal**

I write to inform you that the South Australian Local Government Boundaries Commission (the Commission) has commenced an inquiry into the Tickera Township council boundary change proposal (the Proposal) initiated by Mr Dale Morphett, relating to the boundaries between the Copper Coast Council and the Barunga West Council.

As advised on 29 September 2021, the Commission determined the proposal to be an administrative proposal pursuant to s 30(7)(a)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act). Accordingly, the inquiry into the Proposal will be conducted in accordance with s 30 of the Act, and the Commission's Guideline 9 – *Engagement and Consultation*.

In accordance with Guideline 9, the Commission hereby notifies Mr Morphett that an inquiry has commenced into the Proposal. An Inquiry Plan and Community Engagement Plan are attached outlining the matters that will be investigated and the engagement that will be undertaken as part of the inquiry.

The Commission has written to the affected Councils seeking input on the matters outlined in the Inquiry Plan.

The Commission will also undertake wider community consultation as part of the inquiry, as outlined in the attached Community Engagement Plan. This engagement will endeavour to provide members of the public with an interest in the Proposal with an opportunity to make their views known to the Commission.

All landowners and residents within the affected area and the township of Tickera (including Mr Morphett) will receive a letter outlining the details of the Proposal and the opportunity to provide feedback on a range of issues relating to the proposed boundary change.

The information gained through engagement with the affected councils and the community will inform the Commission in the development of its Inquiry Report and recommendations to the Minister. The Commission will also publish its Inquiry Report, as required by s 31 (5) of the Act.

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The Commission is also mindful that the inquiry into the Proposal is being undertaken in close proximity to the 2022 periodic local government elections. The Commission therefore anticipates that if it makes any recommendations to the Minister that may change the current council boundaries, it will also recommend that changes are not proclaimed until after January 2023.

I also advise that, in accordance with the Commission's publication policy, the information about the Proposal has been made available at— [www.agd.sa.gov.au/local-government/boundaries-commission/current-proposals](http://www.agd.sa.gov.au/local-government/boundaries-commission/current-proposals)

If you have further questions, please contact Pete Ilee, Executive Officer on 7109 7164 or [boundaries.commission@sa.gov.au](mailto:boundaries.commission@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Rob Donaldson

**CHAIR**

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES COMMISSION**

Attachment: Inquiry Plan and Community Engagement Plan