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Mr Dale Morphett's Publicly Initiated Council Boundary Change Proposal

Dear Mr Byrth

Thank you for your letter of 14 January 2021 outlining Mr Dale Morphett's Boundary Re-alignment Proposal (the Proposal) and the additional information provided on 12 August 2021 which confirmed the eligibility of the electors within the area.

At its meeting on 15 September 2021, the Commission assessed the Proposal. When discussing a proposal, the Commission gives close consideration to the requirements of Guideline 6 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 ultimately form the basis of any recommendation that the Commission may make to the Minister.

In order to consider a publicly initiated proposal, the initiating electors must address the requirements of Guideline 6 and must address the principles contained under section 26 of the *Local Government Act 1999* as far as it can be reasonably aware of them.

The Commission acknowledges the significant work that yourself and Mr Morphett have undertaken to develop this Proposal and to address the requirements of Guideline 6.

The Commission formed the view that the Proposal seeks to correct an anomaly that in the opinion of the Commission is generally recognised in accordance with section 30(7)(a)(ii) of the Act.

The Commission therefore determined that it will conduct an inquiry into the Proposal in line with the requirements of an administrative proposal in accordance with section 30 of the Act and the mandatory requirements outlined in Guideline 9 – *Engagement and Consultation*.

I must emphasise that the Commission's determination to inquire into the Proposal does not mean that the Proposal has been recommended to proceed. A recommendation to the Minister regarding this Proposal will be made once the Commission has conducted and considered the findings of the inquiry.

The inquiry will include consultation with both affected Councils and the broader community.

Section 30(5) of the Act provides the Commission with the ability to make variations to an administrative proposal as the Commission thinks fit. Ultimately, the recommendation made to the Minister will, in the Commission's view result in the best outcome of the affected communities.

The Commission may request additional information from Mr Morphett or the affected Councils in accordance with section 32A(1) of the Act as part of its inquiry.

As set out in Guideline 9, I have notified the affected councils that the Commission has agreed to inquire into the Proposal.

I also advise that, under the Commission's publication policy, information about the Proposal has been made available at— www.agd.sa.gov.au/lgbc

I trust that this information is of assistance to you. If you have further questions, please contact the Commission on 7109 7164 or boundaries.commission@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Chair, SA Local Government Boundaries Commission

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