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Mr Dale Morphett's Publicly Initiated Council Boundary Change Proposal

I write to inform you that the South Australian Local Government Boundaries Commission (the Commission) has received a publicly initiated proposal from Mr Dale Morphett proposing a boundary change between the Copper Coast Council and the Barunga West Council in the area of Tickera (the Proposal).

The Proposal affects a number of land parcels from the southern edge of the township of Tickera through to Black Rock Road and Kinnear Road, Tickera (affected area) which are currently within the area of the Copper Coast Council.

The affected area is predominantly owned by Mr Morphett with a small number of other affected land owners along Myponie Point Drive and Morphett Road, Tickera.

Mr Morphett has proposed that the boundary between your Councils be moved so that the affected area is entirely within the Barunga West Council. A map of the Proposal is attached for your information.

The process by which the Commission deals with boundary change proposals is set out Chapter 3 part 2 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) and in the nine guidelines that the Commission has published that detail aspects of the boundary change process.

A requirement of a publicly initiated proposal is that the proposal be made by at least 10% of eligible electors in the affected area. The Commission has received confirmation from the CEO of the Copper Coast Council that this requirement has been met.

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 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.

The Commission also determined that the Proposal will be considered as an administrative proposal, as defined by s 30(7)(a)(ii) of the Act, as, in the opinion of the Commission, the boundary change seeks to correct an anomaly that is generally

recognised. The Proposal will therefore be inquired into in accordance with s 30 of the Act, and the mandatory requirements outlined in Guideline 9 – *Engagement and Consultation*.

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

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 its inquiry.

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 for the affected communities.

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

To assist the Commission in undertaking its inquiry, I would appreciate it if you could nominate a staff member in your Council who can act as the primary contact person for the Commission.

After conducting an inquiry into an administrative proposal, the Commission will consult with the Minister on the matter in accordance with section 30(3), before finalising a report on the Proposal, including the Commission's recommendations.

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

Thank you for your Council's co-operation in this matter. If you have further questions, please contact the Commission on 7109 7164 or boundaries.commission@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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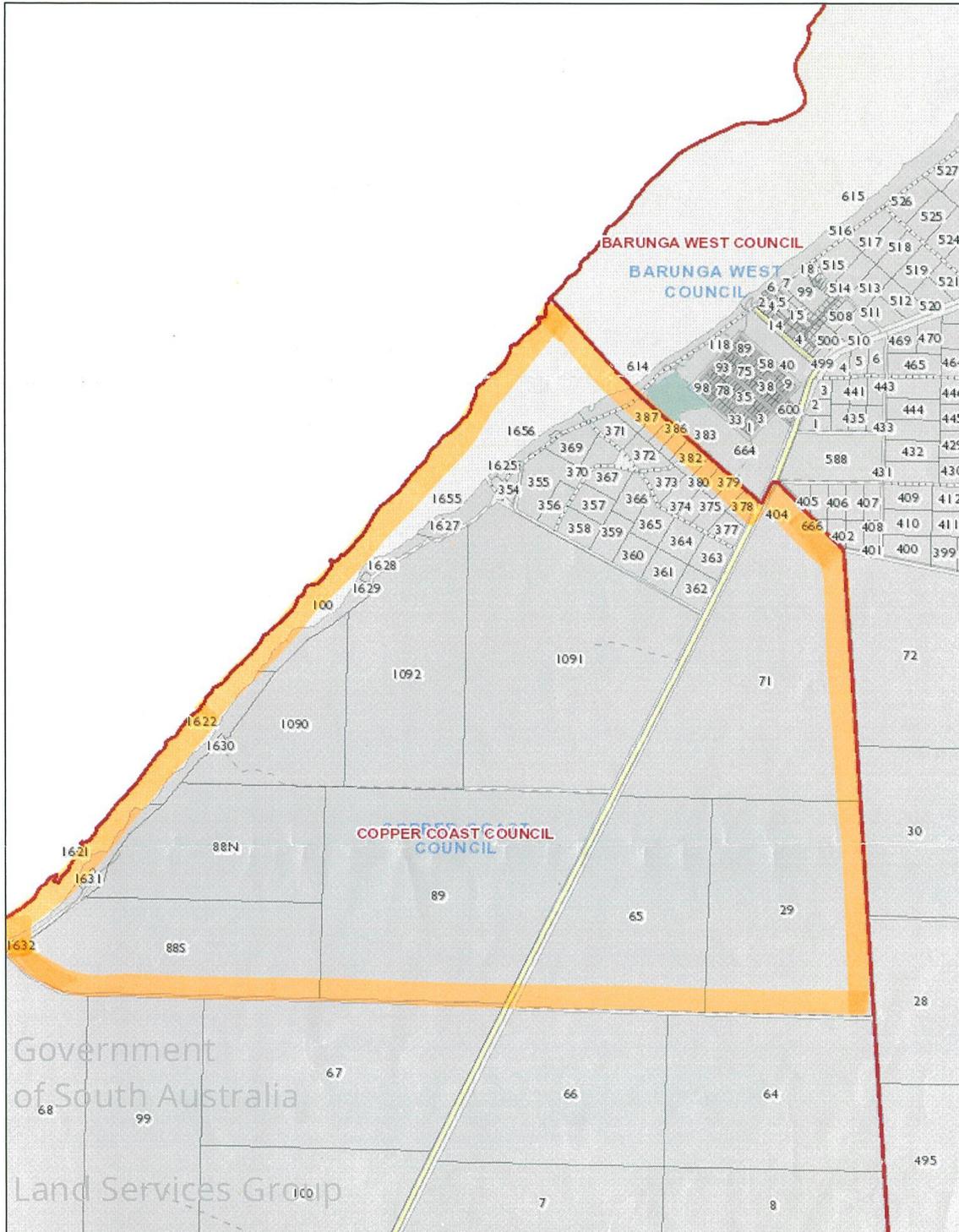
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Map of proposed boundary change – affected area highlighted in orange:

Land Services Group

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