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Dear Resident/Ratepayer

Council boundary change proposal update

I am writing to you to provide an update on the status of the Council boundary change proposal impacting your suburb.

Process so far

Campbelltown City Council proposes to incorporate Woodforde and Rostrevor suburbs entirely into the Campbelltown Council area. Many residents will be familiar with this proposal, which was commenced by Campbelltown Council in January 2019, however newer residents to the area may not be aware of the proposal or the process.

Based on the views of the affected residents, our Council adopted a position not to support the boundary realignment. Both the Adelaide Hills Council (late 2019) and the Campbelltown Council (late 2020) have conducted surveys of residents in Woodforde and Rostrevor. The majority of respondents to both surveys (65% and 62% respectively) were not in favour of the boundary change proposal. Further survey details can be found at engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/boundaryreview2020

In January 2020, the Council resolved to request the Campbelltown Council to withdraw the proposal. Further, we have repeatedly stated our position with the Ministers for Local Government and the Local Government Boundaries Commission, which administers the process. The request to withdraw the proposal has not been accepted and Campbelltown Council has continued to progress the matter.

Current stage

The Boundaries Commission has accepted Campbelltown's 'Stage 2' proposal and preparations for a formal investigation are underway. Refer to the attachment to this letter, which explains the process in more detail.

New Adelaide Hills Council Boundary Change Committee

While the Council's elected body has and will continue to maintain an active oversight of the boundary change matter, it has created a Boundary Change Committee (the Committee) to specifically review and provide boundary change advice to Council.

The Committee has been consulted by the Boundaries Commission regarding what matters should be considered as part of the investigation. We expressed that the investigation should be as

thorough as possible and consider all relevant social, cultural, economic and environmental matters associated with a resident's sense of place in a community. We also proposed that the Commission needs to engage a range of experts to appropriately look into the matter. We are advocating that the views of residents must be actively sought and that they should be given significant weight in the consideration of the proposal.

Next key steps

Following finalisation of the Commissions' Investigation Plan and its Engagement and Communications Plan, the estimated cost of the investigation will be determined by the Commission and put to the Campbelltown Council for consideration. We expect this to occur after the upcoming Local Government election (November 2022). Campbelltown Council will subsequently decide whether or not the investigation should proceed (at their cost).

Further information

A brief summary of the Boundary Change Process is provided in the attachment to this letter. If you would like more information on the Boundary Change Proposal, please contact the Boundaries Commission via telephone (08) 7109 7164 or their website <https://www.dit.sa.gov.au/local-government/boundaries-commission>.

We are also here to talk with you about the process and our Governance Team can be contacted on 8408 0400. We have updated our project engagement page and encourage you to sign-up to the electronic mailing list at engage.ahc.sa.gov.au/boundaryreview2020

There are groups within your community, which are engaged in this matter and can be a source of information.

Thank you for your patience as both Councils navigate through this process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Waters', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Waters
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER