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## Background

Scenic Rim Regional Council and Southern Downs Regional Council external boundaries are currently defined by the following plans:

- Scenic Rim Regional Council.....Plan LGRB7 Edition 3
- Southern Downs Regional Council .....Plan LGRB 62

The precise alignment of the common boundary between Scenic Rim and Southern Downs Regional Councils is identified by chords which approximate the watershed dividing catchments extending through the Scenic Rim into Moreton Bay to the east or west through Southern Downs into the Condamine River network.

Main Range National Park is bisected by the boundary alignment. This creates no difficulties as the national park is not affected by local government services. Two freehold properties, Lots 19 and 49 on ML212 also straddle the watershed and are bisected by the local government boundary.

An application was received from Scenic Rim Regional Council to alter the boundary between Scenic Rim and Southern Downs Regional Councils by including the entire area of Lot 19 on ML212 within the area of Southern Downs Regional Council and by including the entire area of Lot 49 on ML212 within the Scenic Rim Regional Council. Council's application has been made following representations by Coralie Endean, the landholder of Lot 19 on ML212 and consultation with Tracy Pate, the landholder of Lot 49 on ML212 and with the Southern Downs Regional Council. The commission notes that both landholders concerned in this matter are in agreement with the proposed boundary change.

Pursuant to Section 67 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a Local Government Electoral and Boundaries Review Commission for such an application is constituted by the Electoral Commissioner. The *Local Government Regulation 2005* (Section 16) prescribes the following issues to which a commission must have regard when considering a limited reviewable local government matter:

- resource base sufficiency;
- planning;
- community of interest; and
- joint arrangements.

Under Section 84 of the Act, a commission must also take into account the need to ensure the provision of efficient and effective local government in the area.

Having given careful consideration to the proposal, the commission has not noted any issues of any significance in relation to the above matters that would lead it to refuse the application. The application also will have no effect on electoral quotas for either local government.

## Determination

The commission has determined that the common boundary between the Scenic Rim Regional Council and the Southern Downs Regional Council be realigned to include the entire area Lot 19 on ML212 within Southern Downs Regional Council and the entire area of Lot 49 on ML212 within Scenic Rim Regional Council.

## **Implementation Issues**

The parts of these lots within the Scenic Rim Regional Council area are subject to the planning scheme and local laws that have transitioned from the former Boonah Shire Council. The parts of these lots within the Southern Downs Regional Council area are subject to the planning scheme and local laws that have transitioned from the former Warwick City Council. It is therefore appropriate: -

- That the entire area of Lot 19 on ML212 is subject to the Local Laws and Planning Scheme regulations (including zoning) as currently apply to that part of Lot 19 on ML212 currently located in the Southern Downs Regional Council area; and
- That the entire area of Lot 49 on ML212 is subject to the Local Laws and Planning Scheme regulations (including zoning) as currently apply to that part of Lot 49 on ML212 currently located in the Scenic Rim Regional Council area.

David Kerslake  
Electoral Commissioner

# **ATTACHMENT A**

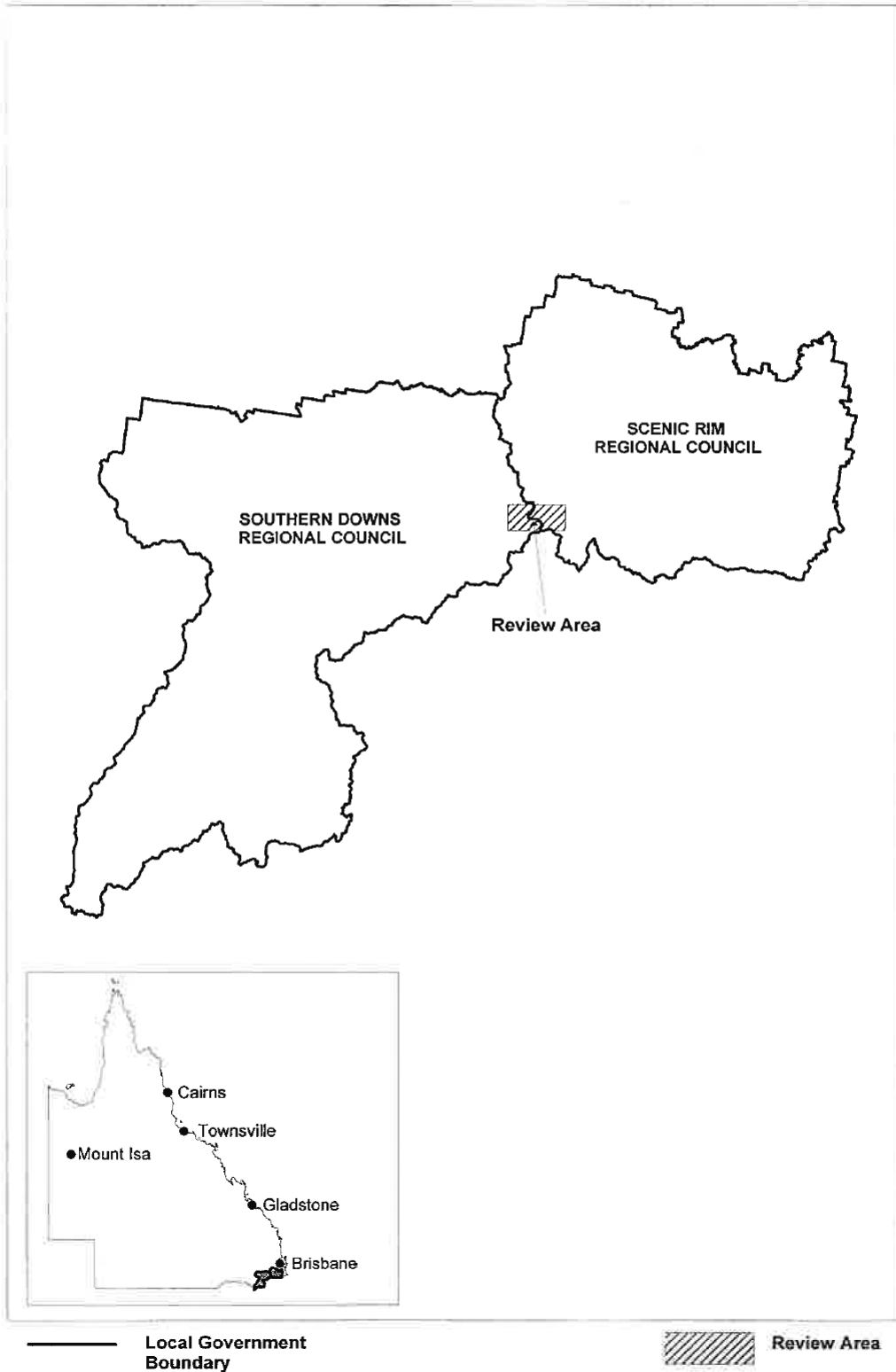
## **Overview Map**

**Scenic Rim Regional Council**

**and**

**Southern Downs Regional Council**

### Overview Maps Southern Downs Regional Council and Scenic Rim Regional Council



# **ATTACHMENT B**

## **Detailed Map**

### **Area Proposed for Boundary Change**

### Detailed Map Lot 19 in Plan ML212 and Lot 49 on Plan ML212

