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Background

The then Honourable the Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience asked me to consider realignment of the common boundaries of the Ipswich City Council and Somerset Regional Council.

This matter encompasses a proposed change to the common boundary between the local governments at—

- Lot 2 on Registered Plan 164048, County of Churchill, Parish of Walloon situated at Piepers Road, Minden currently owned by Adrian and Lynne Anstis.

It is proposed that—

- Lot 2 on Registered Plan 164048, County of Churchill, Parish of Walloon be included within Ipswich City Council.

The Change Commission in this case is comprised of the Electoral Commissioner in accordance with section 22 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act). The Change Commission is responsible for assessing whether a proposed local government change is in the public interest. In doing so, the Change Commission must consider—

- whether the proposed local government change is consistent with the Act; and
- the views of the Minister about the proposed local government change; and
- any other matters prescribed under a regulation.

Section 19(3) of the Act provides that the Change Commission may conduct its assessment in any way that it considers appropriate including, for example—

- ask for submissions from any local government that would be affected by the proposed local government change; and
- hold a public hearing to ask the public for its views about the proposed local government change.

The Change Commission has determined that the holding of a public hearing is, on this occasion, unnecessary.

Submissions

The Minister received a submission from Ipswich City Council supported by Somerset Regional Council and the landholders Adrian and Lynne Anstis. Copies of Ipswich City Council's submission and supporting documentation from Somerset Regional Council and Adrian and Lynne Anstis are included in Appendix A. The Minister referred these matters without expressing a view for or against the proposal.

Findings

After a thorough assessment of the material submitted and having taken account of all considerations specified in the Act, it is recommended that—

- Lot 2 on Registered Plan 164048, County of Churchill, Parish of Walloon be included within Ipswich City Council.

The Commission notes that councils' submissions identify no financial or resource implications relating to the proposal.

Reasons for Findings

In this case, a single parcel of land being Lot 2 on Registered Plan 164048, County of Churchill, Parish of Walloon is intersected by the common boundary between Ipswich City Council and Somerset Regional Council. The greater proportion of land is contained within Ipswich City Council. Access to the land is from Ipswich City Council.

All parties to this matter; both councils and the landholders, are in agreement with the proposed change to the common boundary.

The proposed boundary change is assessed as being consistent with the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Implementation

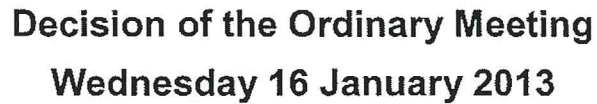
The Governor in Council may implement the Change Commission's recommendation under a regulation.

The regulation may provide for anything that is necessary or convenient to facilitate the implementation of the local government change.

David Kerslake
Local Government Change Commissioner

APPENDIX A

Council submission



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The Honourable David Crisafulli, MP
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Minister for Local Government
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5 February 2013

Dear Minister Crisafulli

Re: Local Government Boundary Anomaly – Lot 2 on RP164048 – City of Ipswich (Locality Marburg) and Somerset Regional Council (Locality of Minden)

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DERM) advised Ipswich City Council, in correspondence dated 30 August 2012, of the above boundary anomaly. Lot 2 on RP164048 is partially in the Ipswich City Council area (90%) and partially in the Somerset Regional Council area (10%) (refer Attachment A for property map).

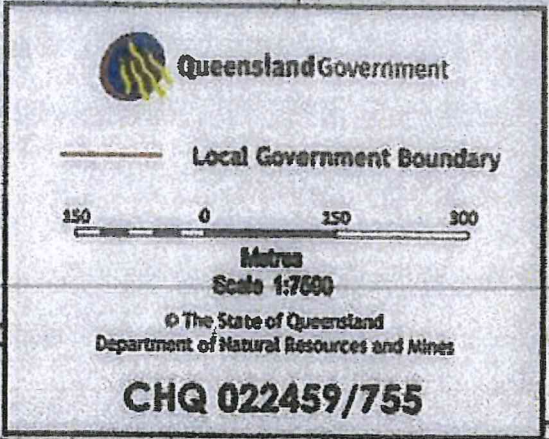
The Corporate Governance Manager from Ipswich City Council has liaised with the property's joint land owners and Somerset Regional Council regarding the boundary anomaly. As a result of discussion's both the joint land owners (refer Attachment B) and Somerset Regional Council (refer Attachment C) agree with Ipswich City Council's proposal that the property be located in its entirety in the Ipswich City Council area (refer Attachment D).

As specified in DERM's correspondence of 30 August 2012 I now write to you requesting that matter be referred to the Local Government Change Commissioner (Electoral Commission of Queensland) to assess the proposed change under the provisions of the *local Government Act 2009*.

Should you require any further information in regard to this matter please contact Mrs Angela Harms, Corporate Governance Manager, on telephone (07) 3810 6229.

Yours faithfully


Carl Wulff
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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I, Adrian Robert Anstis, in my capacity as registered owner of Lot 2 on RP164048, agree that Lot 2 on RP164048 should belong in its entirety to the City of Ipswich area and have no objections to the local government boundary being amended accordingly.

AR Anstis (sign) 5/12/12 (date)

I, Lynne Jeanette Anstis, in my capacity as registered owner of Lot 2 on RP164048, agree that Lot 2 on RP164048 should belong in its entirety to the City of Ipswich area and have no objections to the local government boundary being amended accordingly.

L J Anstis (sign) 5/12/12 (date)

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I, GEOFFREY SMITH [name] of Somerset Regional Council, in my

capacity as MANAGER FINANCE [position] agree that Lot 2 on RP164048

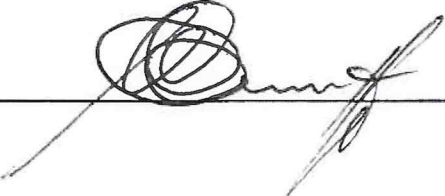
should belong in its entirety to the Ipswich City Council area and have no objections to the local

government boundary being amended accordingly.

 [sign] 24/1/2013 [date]



I, Carl Wulff, in my capacity as Chief Executive Officer, Ipswich City Council, agree that Lot 2 on RP164048 should belong in its entirety to the City of Ipswich area and have no objections to the local government boundary being amended accordingly.


_____ (sign)

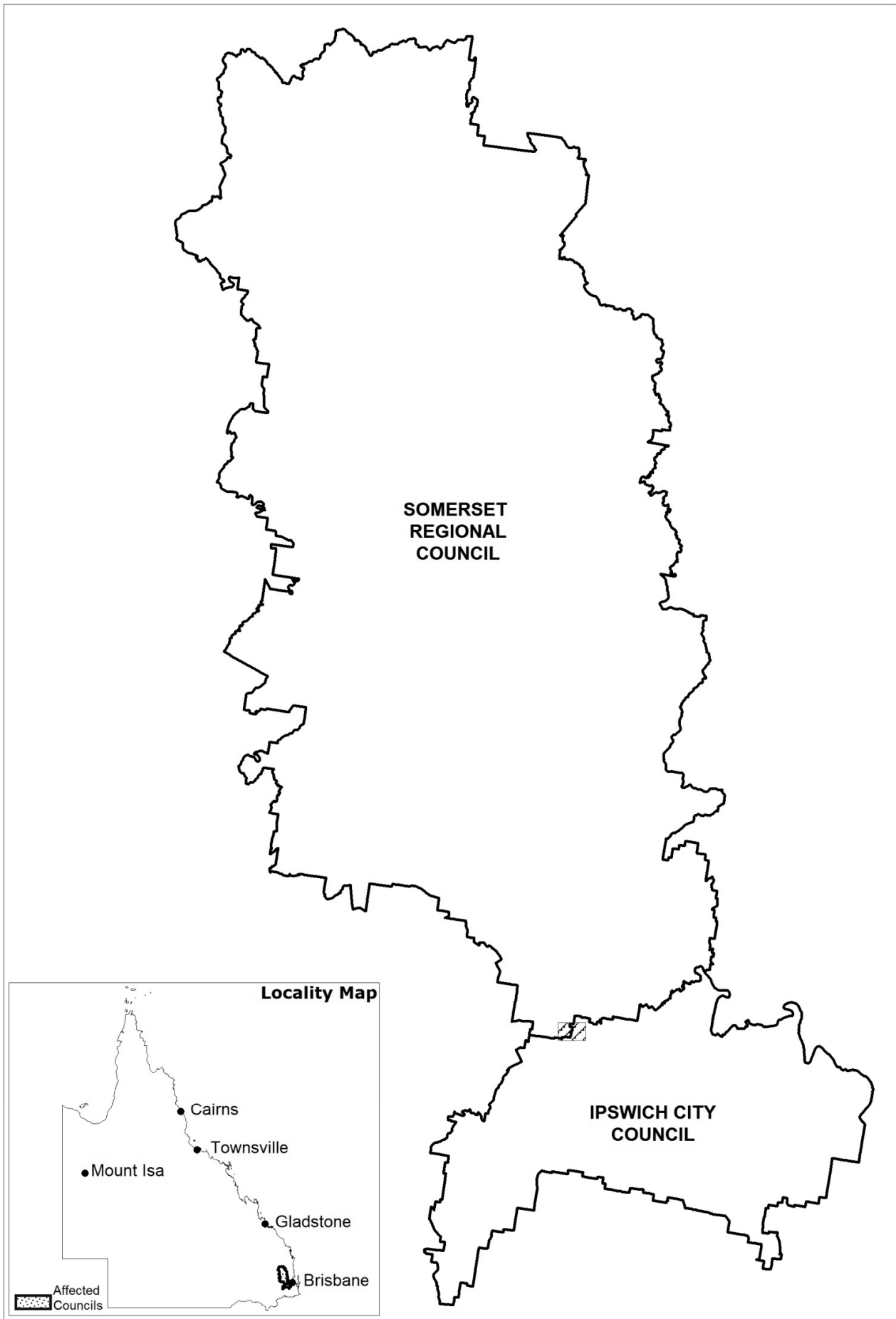
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APPENDIX B

Maps – Proposed boundary change

Overview Map

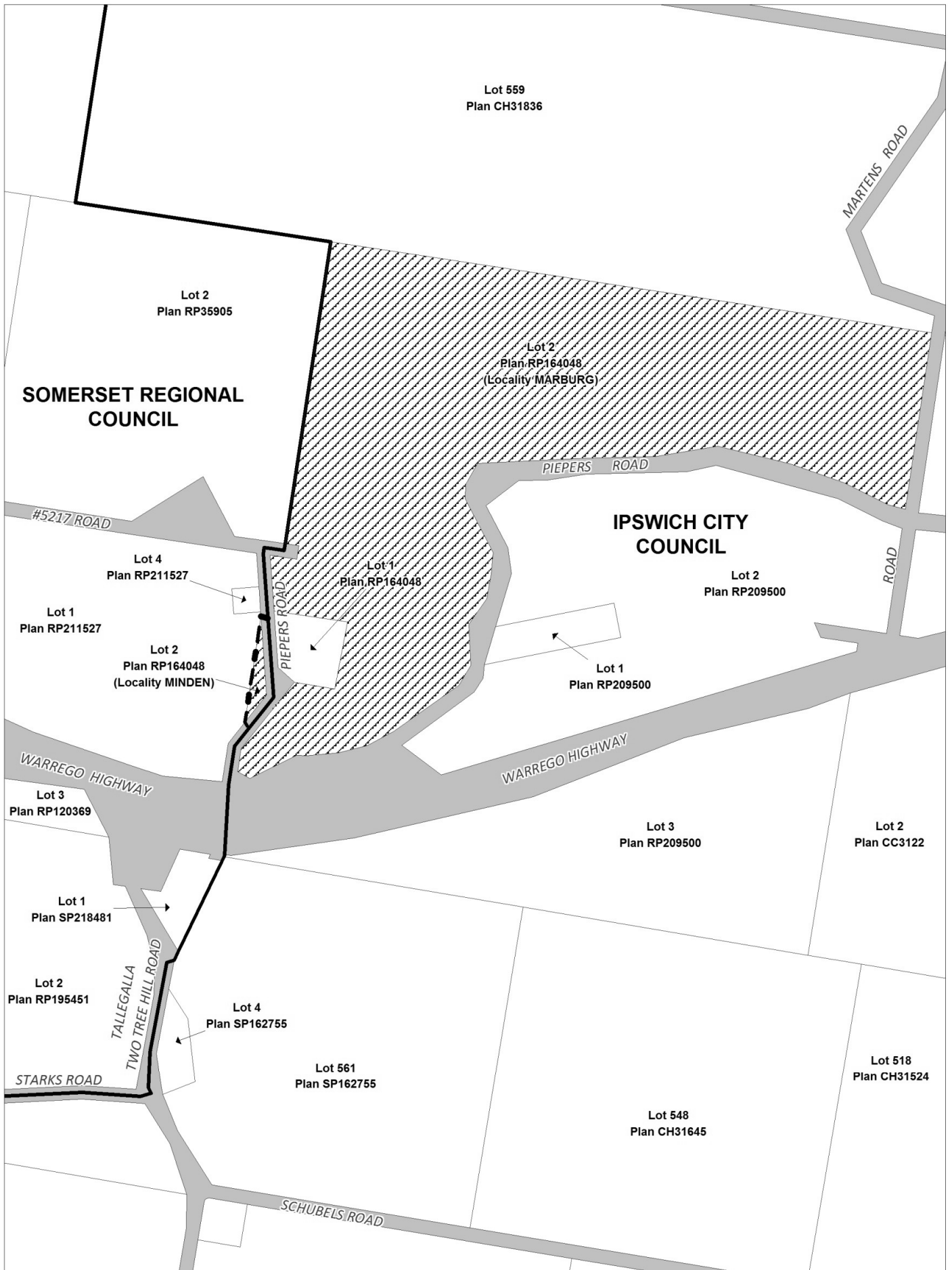
Somerset Regional Council and Ipswich City Council



— Local Government Boundary

 Review Area

Detailed Map : Lot 2 Plan RP164048



Local Government Boundary
 Proposed Boundary
 Property Boundary
 Review Area