

APPENDIX B

Minister's Referral



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Our ref: MC18/7557

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Dear Pat

I am writing to you in relation to a Local Government electoral review that was undertaken by the Moreton Bay Regional Council in preparation for the 2020 Local Government quadrennial elections.

I have received a copy of correspondence from Mr Daryl Hitzman, Chief Executive Officer of the Council to you dated 29 November 2018 advising of the results of the review, including that the projected number of electors in 2020 would be out of the quota of a reasonable proportion of electors as required by the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act) in 4 of the Council's 10 divisions. Mr Hitzman also submitted proposed adjustments to the divisional boundaries designed to bring the proportion of electors in all 10 divisions within quota.

Section 18 of the Act provides that only I may apply to the Local Government Change Commission (Change Commission) for an assessment of a proposed Local Government change. Further, under section 19 of the Act, the Change Commission must consider whether the Local Government change is consistent with the Act and must consider my views on any proposed changes.

Having examined the Council's submission, I consider it appropriate to refer the matter to you for independent assessment and determination by the Change Commission. I recommend that in assessing the proposed changes to divisional boundaries, the Change Commission considers the potential impacts on the proportion of electors in Division 2 arising from the current Newport and North Harbour developments in Burpengary East.

I have asked for Mr Daniel Westall, Manager, Governance, Local Government and Regional Services in the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact Mr Westall on [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP
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Dear Pat

I refer to my letter of 1 March 2019 about the Local Government electoral review that was undertaken by the Moreton Bay Regional Council in preparation for the 2020 Local Government quadrennial elections.

I am writing to amend my previous correspondence, noting the total number of divisions in the Moreton Bay Regional Council is 12, instead of 10 and that the Newport development is located in Division 5, instead of Division 2.

I have asked Mr Daniel Westall, Manager Governance, Local Government Division in the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs to assist you with any enquiries. You may wish to contact Mr Westall on [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely


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