

# **APPENDIX B**

## **Minister's Referral**



Minister for Local Government,  
Minister for Racing and  
Minister for Multicultural Affairs

Our ref: MC18/8047

15 FEB 2019

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Dear Pat

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

I have received correspondence from Mr Dimitri Scordalides, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Council, dated 12 December 2018, advising of the results of the review. The review concluded that the projected number of electors in 2020 would be out of the quota of a reasonable number of electors as required by the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act) in at least one out of the Council's eight divisions (Division 4), with the possibility of another division (Division 7) being out of 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.

I consider it appropriate to refer the matter to you for independent assessment and determination by the Change Commission. I have no directions on how the Change Commission conducts its assessment. A copy of the Council's review is enclosed.

I have asked for Mr Daniel Westall, Manager, Governance, Local Government Division 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**  
Minister for Local Government,  
Minister for Racing and  
Minister for Multicultural Affairs

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12 December 2018

Stirling Hinchliffe MP  
Minister for Local Government, Racing  
and Multicultural Affairs  
PO Box 15009  
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Sent via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Minister,

Re:- Review of Divisions of Local Government Area

Further to the requirements of section 16 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Act), based on available data as provided by the Electoral Commission of Queensland, Council has reviewed the proportion of electors per each of its eight divisions.

The elector numbers per division as at 31 October 2018 are as shown below:-

DIVISION 1	4924
DIVISION 2	4466
DIVISION 3	4929
DIVISION 4	4000
DIVISION 5	4405
DIVISION 6	4404
DIVISION 7	5022
DIVISION 8	4417

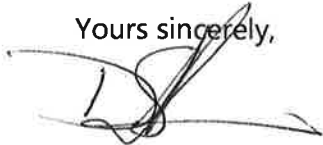
Section 15 of the Act requires that each division must have a reasonable proportion of electors which is defined as being the total number of electors divided by the number of Councillors (other than the Mayor), plus or minus in our case 10%.

With a total of 36,567 electors, this requires each division to have a minimum of 4114 electors and a maximum of 5028 electors. Currently this sees Division 4 being 114 electors short of the threshold and Division 7 being within 6 electors of the maximum allowed.

A copy of this advice is being forwarded to the Electoral Commissioner of Queensland as required under the Act.

In consultation with the Electoral Commissioner, the Change Commission and where appropriate Council, can you please undertake any necessary review of Council's divisional boundaries to address the proportion of elector numbers per division in line with the requirements of the Act.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dimitri Scordalides', written over a horizontal line.

**Dimitri Scordalides**  
**Acting Chief Executive Officer**

cc: Electoral Commissioner of Queensland, GPO Box 1393, Brisbane Q 4000