

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CHANGE COMMISSION

**External
Boundary
Review**

NOVEMBER 2023

LOCKYER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL
TOOWOOMBA REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Introduction

The Local Government Change Commission (Change Commission) is an independent body established under the *Local Government Act 2009*. The Change Commission is responsible for assessing whether a proposed local government change, such as a change of local government boundaries or electoral arrangements, is in the public interest. In doing so, the Change Commission must consider:

- whether the proposed change is consistent with a *Local Government Act*¹,
- the views of the Minister,² and
- any other matters prescribed under a regulation.³

Except in relation to changes proposed to Brisbane City Council boundaries, the Change Commission may only assess local government changes proposed by the Minister responsible for Local Government.

The Change Commission has finalised its assessment of a proposed change referred by the Minister for Local Government to the external boundaries between the Lockyer Valley Regional Council and the Toowoomba Regional Council. This report outlines the recommended placement of Lots 5 and 6 on SP264451 and Lot 7 on SP288601, including the road reserve area of Mount Neale Road, and sets out the reason for the Change Commission's decision.

The Change Commission for this review consists of:

- Pat Vidgen PSM, Electoral Commissioner; and
- Wade Lewis GAICD, Casual Commissioner.

Mr Lewis was appointed as a casual commissioner by the Governor in Council on 28 November 2021.

Background

On 6 April 2022, the Honourable Dr Steven Miles MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and the Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (the Minister), referred a proposed change to the boundary between the Lockyer Valley Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council (**Appendix 1**).

¹ *Local Government Act 2009*, s. 19(2)(a)

² *Local Government Act 2009*, s. 19(2)(b)

³ *Local Government Act 2009*, s. 19(2)(c)

The referral requires the Change Commission to assess the placement of three properties that are currently dissected by the external boundary of the Toowoomba Regional Council and Lockyer Valley Regional Council. The proposed change is for the three properties and the road reserve area of Mount Neale Road to be united within the Toowoomba Regional Council.

In the referral, the Minister did not provide any directions about how the Change Commission was to conduct its assessment.

The process the Change Commission undertook for this review is as follows:

- review correspondence from the Minister and the councils (including both councils' resolutions supporting the change)
- consult with the landholders
- publish the Change Commission's final report, and
- provide the report to the Minister for implementation by the Governor in Council.

Assessment

Regulatory framework

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Change Commission is responsible for assessing whether a local government change proposed by the Minister is in the public interest.

In discharging its responsibilities under the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Change Commission must perform its functions in accordance with the 'local government principles' which include using transparent and effective processes.

In assessing this proposed change, the Change Commission considered the communities of interest provisions in section 9 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. In particular, ensuring that the external boundaries of a local government do not dissect properties or divide local neighbourhoods or adjacent rural and urban areas with common interests or interdependencies.⁴

It was noted that the majority of the three properties are currently located within the Toowoomba Regional Council and the proposed change would unite the remainder of these lots into one local government area (refer to maps at **Appendix 2**).

The Change Commission also considered the interests of the landholders, noting the proposed change may decrease the administrative burden for the landholders, who currently must liaise with two councils regarding property matters.

Lockyer Valley Regional Council

On 26 October 2022, the Lockyer Valley Regional Council held an ordinary meeting where it resolved to support the proposed change, provided that the road reserve area of Mount Neale Road, which currently sits within the Lockyer Valley Regional Council, also be aligned to sit within the Toowoomba Regional Council (**Appendix 3**).

Toowoomba Regional Council

On 21 February 2023, the Toowoomba Regional Council held an ordinary meeting where it resolved to support the proposed change to unite the three property lots within the Toowoomba Regional Council.

⁴ Local Government Regulation 2012, s. 9(d)

The Change Commission sought the Toowoomba Regional Council's advice regarding the preferred placement of the Mount Neale Road reserve area. On 15 August 2023, Council held a further ordinary meeting where it confirmed its support for the placement of the road reserve area of Mount Neale Road and the three lots under review to be entirely within the Toowoomba Regional Council. Extracts from both ordinary meetings can be viewed in **Appendix 4**.

Landholders

On 31 October 2023, correspondence was sent to the landholders of Lots 5 and 6 on SP264451 and Lot 7 on SP288601 requesting their written advice on the proposed change to unite their properties within the Toowoomba Regional Council.

All three landholders responded on the same day and noted their support for the change. This correspondence can be viewed at **Appendix 5**.

Recommendation

The Change Commission is required to form an independent view of the merits of a proposed change.

To do so, the Change Commission considered the views of the impacted stakeholders, as well as whether the change would be consistent with the relevant provisions of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Given there is unanimous support from both councils and the three landholders, and noting that, if implemented, the external boundary of both councils would no longer dissect these properties or divide adjacent areas with common interests, the Change Commission finds the proposed change to be in the public interest.

The Change Commission therefore recommends that Lots 5 and 6 on SP264451 and Lot 7 on SP288601, including the road reserve area of Mount Neale Road, be united in the Toowoomba Regional Council, transferring those portions currently located in the Lockyer Valley Regional Council.

An overview and detailed maps of the recommended changes are provided in **Appendix 2**.

Implementation

The Change Commission has provided the results of its assessment to the Honourable Dr Steven Miles MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and the Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure. In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Change Commission will publish a notice of results in the Government Gazette and on the ECQ's website.⁵

The Governor in Council may implement the Change Commission's recommendation under a regulation.⁶

The regulation may provide for anything that is necessary or convenient to facilitate the implementation of the local government boundary change.⁷



Pat Vidgen PSM
Electoral Commissioner



Wade Lewis GAICD
Casual Commissioner

⁵ *Local Government Act 2009*, s.19(6)(c)

⁶ *Local Government Act 2009*, s.20(1)

⁷ *Local Government Act 2009*, s.20(2)

APPENDIX 1

Ministerial referral



Hon Steven Miles MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for State Development, Infrastructure,
Local Government and Planning
Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure

Our ref: MBN23/264

06 APR 2023

Mr Pat Vidgen PSM
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Electoral Commission Queensland
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ABN 65 959 415 158

Dear Mr Vidgen

I refer to the enclosed letters from the Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC) and Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) supporting a review of their local government boundary.

In accordance with Chapter 2, Part 3 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, I refer the local governments' application for assessment of the following boundary change:

- Lots 5 and 6 SP264451 and Lot 7 SP2288601, including the road reserve area of Mount Neale Road to be wholly incorporated within the Toowoomba Regional Council

The enclosed letters demonstrate support for this proposal from both LVRC and TRC. The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the department) has contacted the affected landholder who requested this change and I trust that you will consult with affected landholders as part of your consideration on this matter, as you deem appropriate.

A map of the proposed change is also enclosed.

I have asked for [REDACTED], Principal Regional Advisor, Local Government Division in the department to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

STEVEN MILES MP
DEPUTY PREMIER
Minister for State Development, Infrastructure,
Local Government and Planning
Minister Assisting the Premier on
Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure

Enc (3)



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Related Document: 4368650
Ord Mtg:26/10/2022 Res No:20-24/0671
Enquiries: [REDACTED]
Contact: [REDACTED]

31 October 2022

Department of State Development,
Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning
PO Box 15009
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam

BOUNDARY CHANGE REQUEST – LOTS 5 & 6 ON SP 264451 & LOT 7 ON SP 288601

I refer to your correspondence dated 26 September 2022 seeking Council's formal advice on the proposed realignment of the local government boundaries between Lockyer Valley Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council so the property boundaries of Lots 5 and 6 on SP 264451 and Lot 7 on SP 288601 are entirely within the Toowoomba Regional Council area.

I advise this matter was considered at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 October 2022 where Council resolved to support the request provided the road reserve area of Mount Neale Road which currently sits within the Lockyer Valley Regional Council area is also aligned to sit within the Toowoomba Regional Council area.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact Council's Property Officer on [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Church', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ian Church
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Our reference:
Your reference:
Contact officer:
Telephone:

DM #10914471
WR22/29217
[REDACTED]
131 872

8 March 2023

Mr John Martinkovic
Regional Director (Southern)
Strategy and Service Delivery
Local Government Division
Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning
PO Box 15009
CITY EAST QLD 4002

By email: southern@dsdilqp.qld.gov.au; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Martinkovic,

Local Government Boundary change – Toowoomba Regional Council and Lockyer Valley Regional Council

Thank you for your letter sent via email on 23 September 2022 in relation to seeking Council's formal advice on a proposed boundary change.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 21 February 2023 (Finance and Business Strategy Committee – 15 February 2023 – Item. 5), Council resolved to advise the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning that Council supports to have the whole of the following lots within the Toowoomba Regional Council area:

- Lots 5, 6 on SP264451; and
- Lot 7 on SP2288601

Should you have any further questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] Manager Governance and Legal Services on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

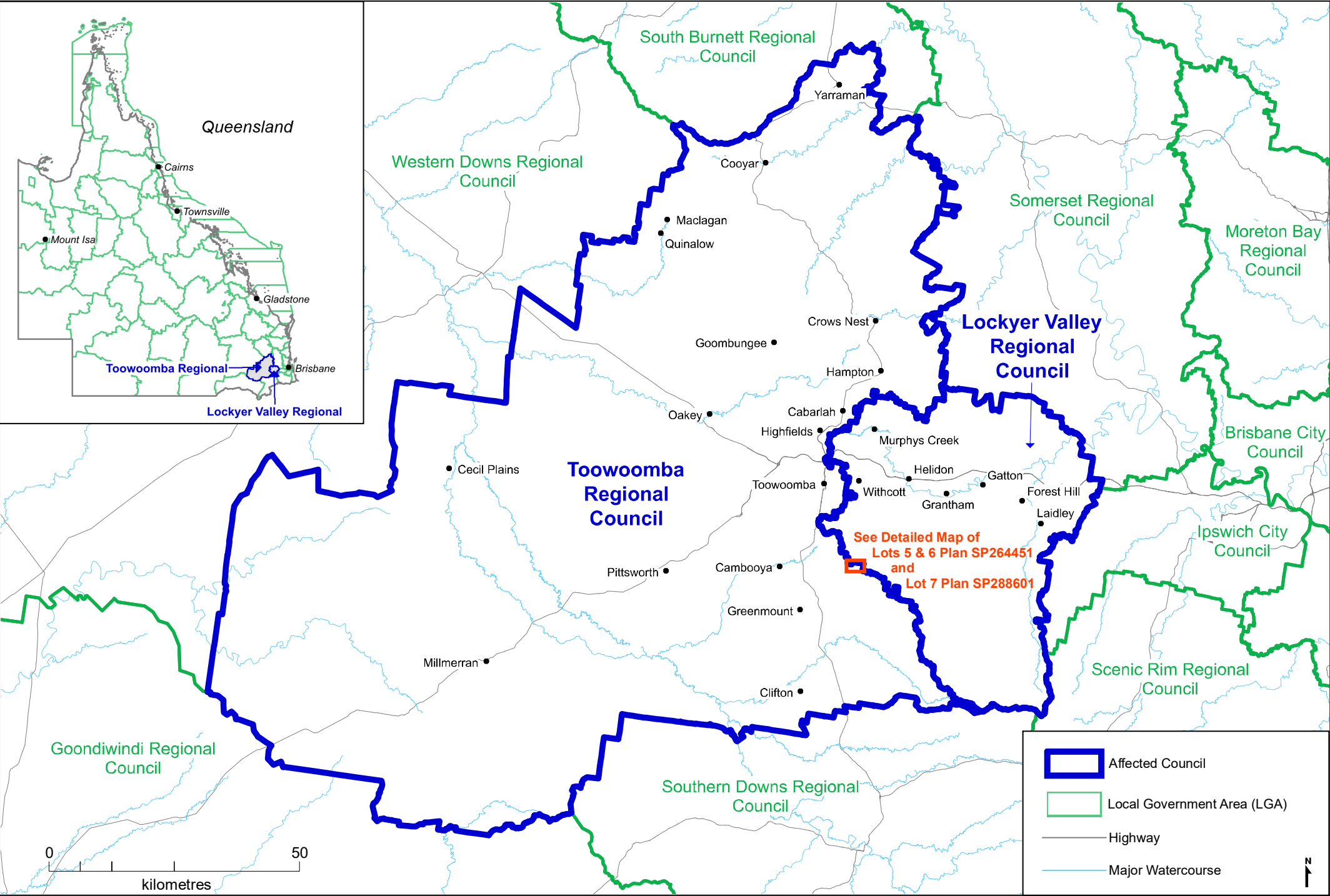


Brian Pidgeon
Chief Executive Officer

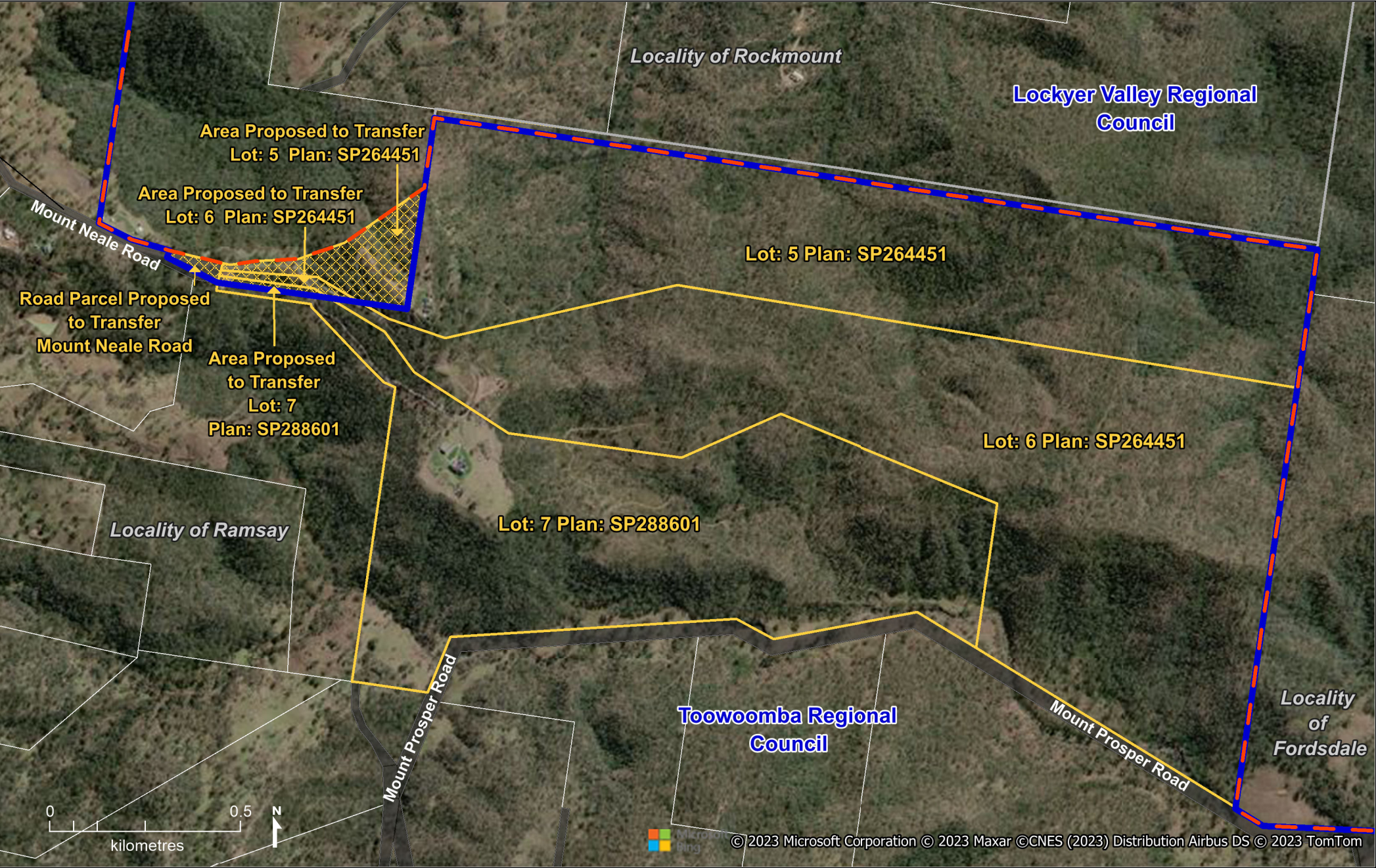
APPENDIX 2



Maps



Overview Map: Transfer Lot 5, 6 Plan SP264451 from Lockyer Valley Regional Council to Toowoomba Regional Council





Detailed Map Lots 5 and 6 Plan SP264451, and Lot 7 Plan SP288601:
Proposed Transfer Lots 5 and 6 Plan SP264451, and Lot 7 Plan SP288601 from Lockyer Valley Regional Council to Toowoomba Regional Council

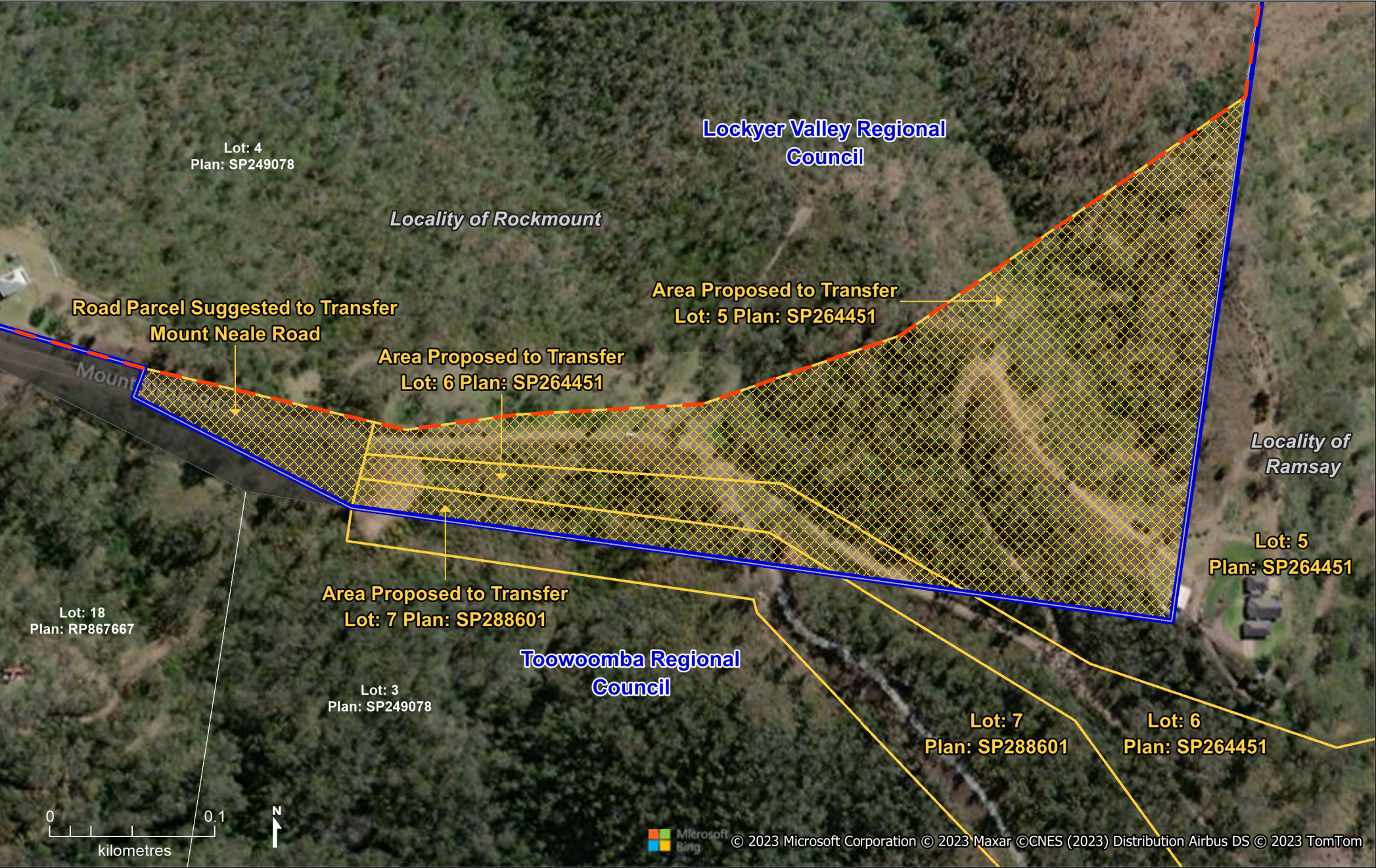



 Affected Area Lots 5 and 6 Plan SP264451, and Lot 7 Plan SP288601
 Property Lots 5 and 6 Plan SP264451, and Property Lot 7 Plan SP288601


 Proposed LGA Boundary
 Current LGA Boundary


 Locality Boundary
 Property Boundary


Detailed Map Lots 5 and 6 Plan SP264451, and Lot 7 Plan SP288601:
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 Proposed LGA Boundary

 Current LGA Boundary

 Locality Boundary

 Property Boundary

APPENDIX 3

Lockyer Valley Regional Council
ordinary meeting extract

11.3 Local Government Boundary Change Request - Lots 5 & 6 on SP 264451 and Lot 7 on SP 288601

Author: Julie Lyons, Property Officer

Responsible Officer: Dan McPherson, Group Manager People, Customer and Corporate Services

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to consider a request from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning to realign the local government boundaries between Lockyer Valley Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council so the property boundaries of Lots 5 and 6 on SP 264451 and Lot 7 on SP 288601 are entirely within the Toowoomba Regional Council area.

Officer's Recommendation:

THAT with respect to the request from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning seeking Council's formal advice on the proposed realignment of the local government boundaries between Lockyer Valley Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council so the property boundaries of Lots 5 and 6 on SP 264451 and Lot 7 on SP 288601 are entirely within the Toowoomba Regional Council area, Council resolve to advise the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning that Council supports the request provided the road reserve area of Mount Neal Road which currently sits within the Lockyer Valley Regional Council area is also aligned to sit within the Toowoomba Regional Council area.

RESOLUTION

THAT with respect to the request from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning seeking Council's formal advice on the proposed realignment of the local government boundaries between Lockyer Valley Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council so the property boundaries of Lots 5 and 6 on SP 264451 and Lot 7 on SP 288601 are entirely within the Toowoomba Regional Council area, Council resolve to advise the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning that Council supports the request provided the road reserve area of Mount Neale Road which currently sits within the Lockyer Valley Regional Council area is also aligned to sit within the Toowoomba Regional Council area.

Moved By: Cr Wilson

Seconded By:

Cr Hagan

Resolution Number: 20-24/0671

CARRIED

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Executive Summary

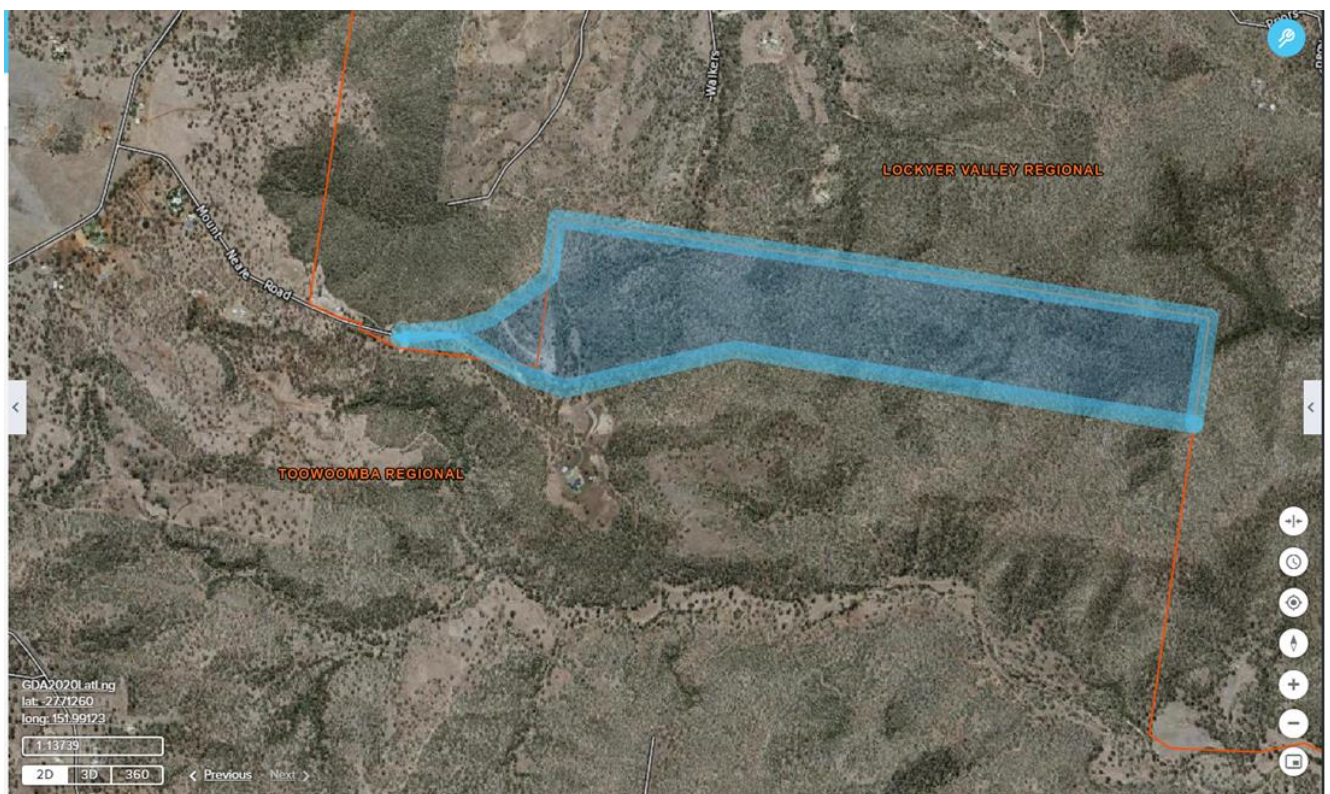
The purpose of this report is to consider a request from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the Department) to realign the local government boundaries between Lockyer Valley Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council so the property boundaries of Lots 5 and 6

on SP 264451 and Lot 7 on SP 288601 situated at Mount Neale Road, Rockmount (the Properties) are entirely within the Toowoomba Regional Council area.

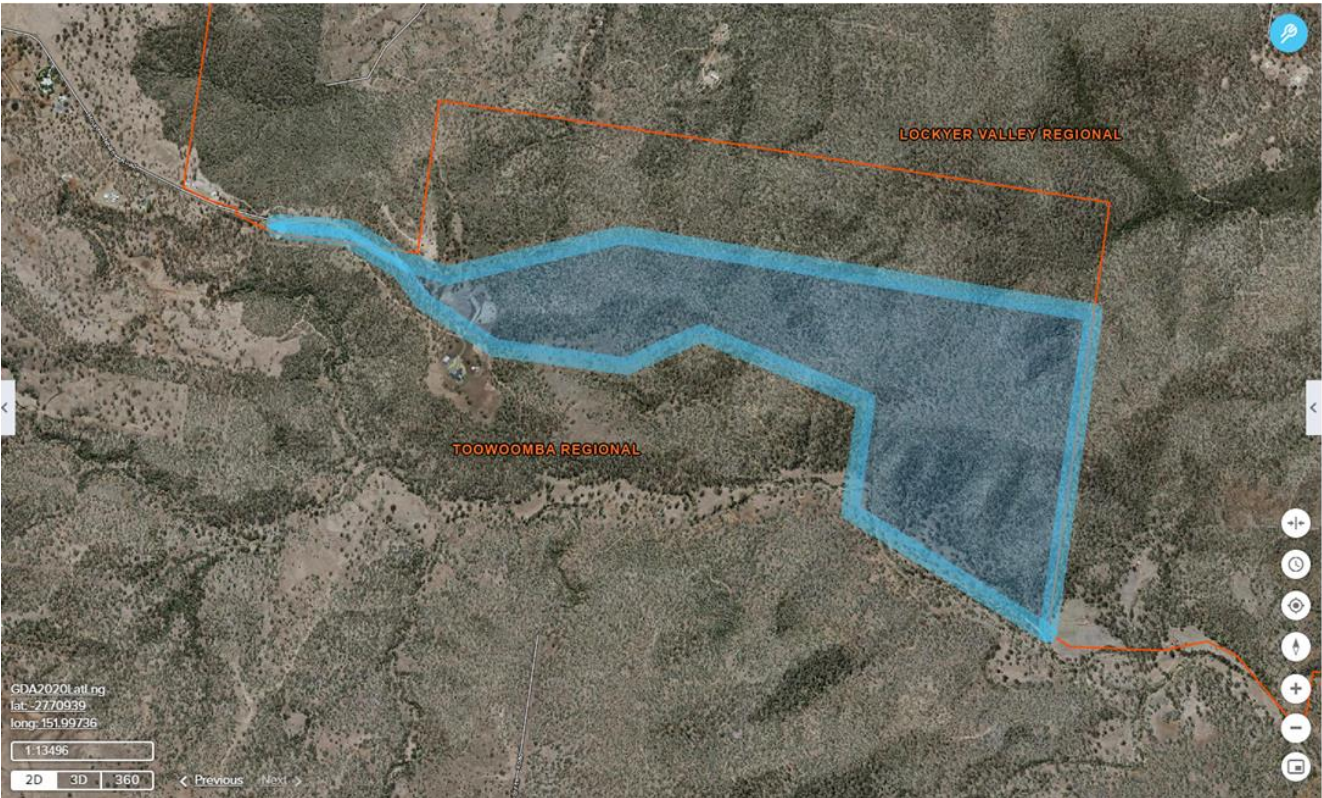
Proposal

On 26 September 2022 Council received email correspondence from the Department requesting Council's formal advice on a local government boundary change so the Properties are entirely within the Toowoomba Regional Council area. The Department advised they had received an email dated 13 September 2022 from the State Valuation Service, Lands Division of the Department of Resources (the State Valuation Service) requesting the boundary change.

The current local government boundary and impact on Lot 5 on SP 264451 is shown on the map below (LVRC 5.839 ha & TRC 96.86 ha):



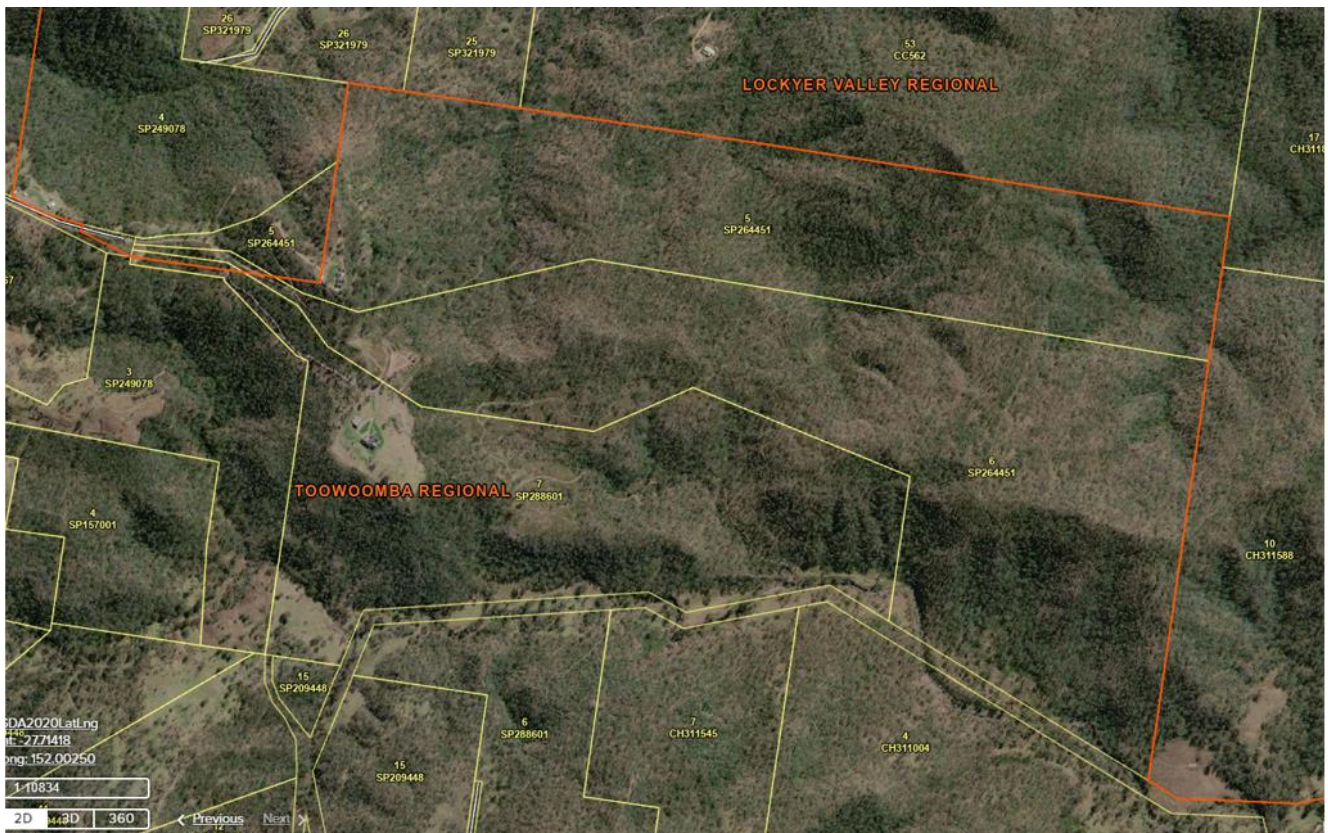
The current local government boundary and impact on Lot 6 on SP 264451 is shown on the map below (LVRC 8656 m2 & TRC 125.3 ha):



The current local government boundary and impact on Lot 7 on SP 288601 is shown on the map below (LVRC 5615 m2 & TRC 106.1 ha):



The current local government boundary showing the impact on all three Properties is shown on the map below (orange line):



The new proposed local government boundaries with all three Properties entirely within the Toowoomba Regional Council area is shown below (red line):

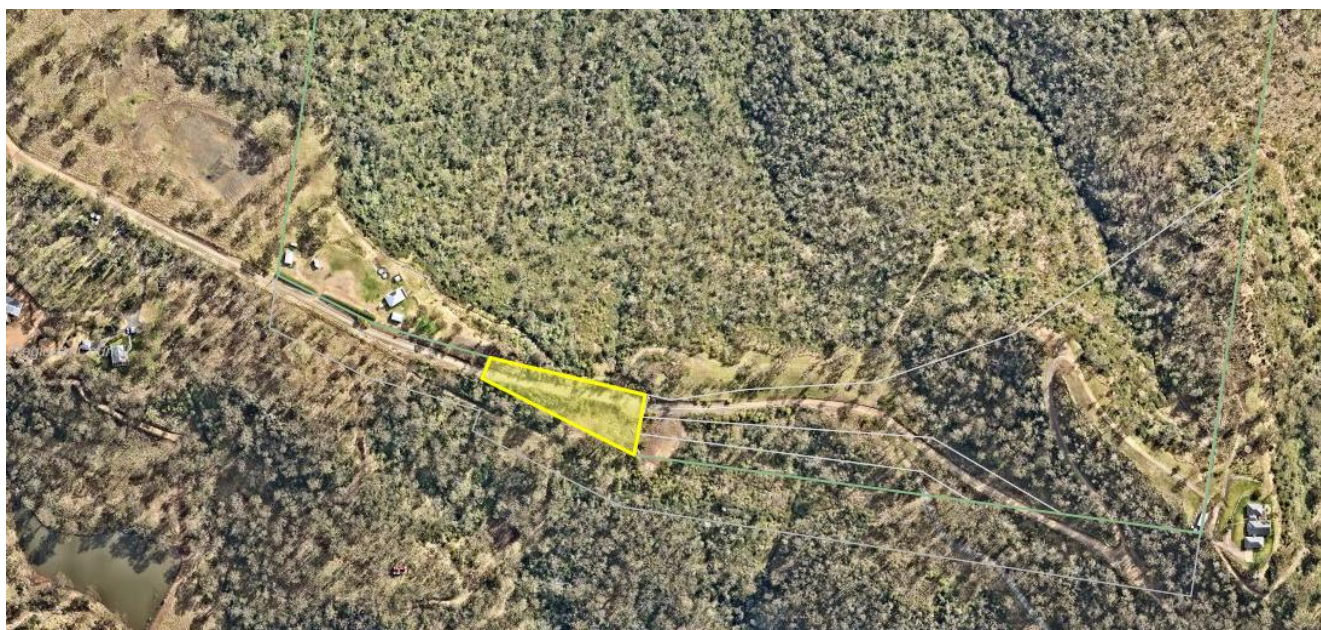


The State Valuation Service were consulted by Council who advised they were contacted by the owner of Lot 5 on SP 264451 who was concerned about having to pay two amounts of rates across two local government areas for one lot. They believe the enquiry was initiated by recent new valuations both in Lockyer Valley Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council.

The State Valuation Service then contacted the Department requesting whether a slight adjustment to the local government boundaries could be considered.

Before the Department provides advice to the Honourable Steven Miles MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure for consideration of a referral to the Local Government Change Commission, confirmation of Council's support is sought on the proposed boundary changes.

The road reserve area (Mount Neale Road) shown in the below map in yellow currently sits in the Lockyer Valley Regional Council area. It is recommended if the boundary change proceeds the road reserve area shown also be located within the Toowoomba Regional Council area as the remainder of Mount Neale Road will sit within the Toowoomba Regional Council area. This requirement has been discussed with the Department who agree with the recommendation. The Department will discuss with the Toowoomba Regional Council who will have to also agree to the change.



Council's Rates Team have confirmed there is no record of Council issuing a rates assessment for any of the Properties.

Options

- Option 1 – Advise the Department that Council supports the local government boundary change so the Properties are entirely within the Toowoomba Regional Council area provided the road reserve area of Mount Neal Road which currently sits within the Lockyer Valley Regional Council area is also aligned to sit within the Toowoomba Regional Council area.
- Option 2 – Advise the Department that Council does not support the local government boundary change and provide reasons.

Strategic Implications

Corporate Plan

Lockyer Leadership and Council

- 5.2 Excellence in customer service to our community
- 5.7 Compliance with relevant legislation

Finance and Resource

As Council does not charge rates on the Properties no financial and resource implications have been identified.

Legislation and Policy

No legal or policy implications for Council have been identified.

Risk Management

Key Corporate Risk Code and Category: FE2

Key Corporate Risk Descriptor: Finance and Economic
Decision making governance, due diligence, accountability and sustainability

Key Corporate Risk Code and Category: LCL1

Key Corporate Risk Descriptor: Legal Compliance and Liability
Compliance management – regulatory or contract compliance, litigation, liability and prosecution

Consultation

Internal Consultation

- ✓ Community and Regional Prosperity
- ✓ People, Customer and Corporate Services
- ✓ Infrastructure
- ✓ Finance

External Consultation

- The State Valuation Service, Lands Division of the Department of Resources
- Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

APPENDIX 4

Toowoomba Regional Council
ordinary meeting extract

Item No.	8.5
REPORT TITLE	Reception and Consideration of Committee Reports - Finance and Business Strategy Committee - February 2023

- 3 2022/23 Operational Plan Quarter 2 Progress Report (July - December)
- 4 Controlled Entities - Quarterly Financial Reports as at 31 December 2022
- 5 Proposed Boundary Change - Toowoomba and Lockyer Valley Regional Councils
- 6 2024 Quadrennial Local Government Election
- 9 **CONFIDENTIAL** - Information Communication and Technology Governance, Risk and Compliance Update

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Geoff McDonald, seconded by Councillor Kerry Shine

That the Report of the Finance and Business Strategy Committee dated 15 February 2023 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

Item No.	12.3
REPORT TITLE	Proposed Boundary Change - Toowoomba and Lockyer Valley Regional Councils - Road Reserve - Mount Neale Road
AUTHOR	Bailey Garcha, Manager Governance and Legal Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT

For Council to consider a proposal to change the Local Government Boundary shared with Lockyer Valley Regional Council to include the road reserve on Mount Neale Road, Rockmount in the Toowoomba Regional Council area.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Commissioner of the Local Government Change Commission is seeking confirmation that Council supports the movement of the road reserve area around Mount Neale Road to be entirely within Toowoomba Regional Council.

The transfer of the road reserve currently in the Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC) area, is being considered as a result of a proposed boundary realignment on three (3) properties adjacent to the road reserve. The proposal was to include Lots 5, 6 on SP264451 and Lot 7 on SP2288601 (the properties) in the Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) area. Council supported the proposal at its Ordinary Meeting of Council of 21 February 2023 (Finance and Business Strategy Committee - 15 February 2023 - Item No. 5).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to advise the Commissioner of the Local Government Change Commission that Council supports to have the road reserve area of Mount Neale Road located adjacent to Lots 5, 6 on SP264451 and Lot 7 on SP2288601 to be entirely within the Toowoomba Regional Council area.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The road concerned (Mount Neale Road, Rockmount) including the road reserve is currently maintained by TRC. There is no detrimental impact identified should the road reserve be in the TRC area.

The Chair referred to Councillor Kerry Shine's Declaration of Declarable Conflict of Interest made in Item No. 2 "Attendance including Apologies, Leave of Absence, Granting Leaves of Absence and Declarations of Conflict of Interest". See below.

I inform this Meeting that I have a Declarable Conflict of Interest in this matter (as defined in Section 150EN of the *Local Government Act 2009*). The nature of my interest is as follows:

This Declarable Conflict of Interest arises because I have relatives that own land in Rockmount. These are not close relatives, and I am unsure of their actual property address.

I wish to participate in the decision in relation to this matter. I acknowledge that eligible Councillors must now determine, pursuant to Section 150ES of the *Local Government Act 2009*, whether I:

- (1) May participate in the decision about the matter, including by voting on the matter;
- (2) Must leave the Meeting, including any area set aside for the public, and stay away from the Meeting while the eligible Councillors discuss and vote on the matter; or
- (3) May participate in the decision about the matter subject to conditions.

MOTION

Moved by Councillor Carol Taylor, seconded by Councillor Bill Cahill

That Council resolve to advise the Commissioner of the Local Government Change Commission that Council supports to have the road reserve area of Mount Neale Road located adjacent to Lots 5, 6 on SP264451 and Lot 7 on SP2288601 to be entirely within the Toowoomba Regional Council area.

CARRIED

ABSENT DID NOT VOTE - Councillor Melissa Taylor

FOR: Councillors Bill Cahill, Geoff McDonald, Tim McMahon, Megan O'Hara Sullivan, Kerry Shine, Nancy Sommerfield, Carol Taylor, Rebecca Vonhoff

AGAINST: Councillors None

APPENDIX 5

Landholder correspondence

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 31 October 2023 2:19 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] LG Boundaries
Subject: Re: Change Commission - local government boundary review - Lot 5 SP264451

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Hello [REDACTED],

Thank you for contacting me today regarding boundary review for Lot 5 SP264451.

As the owner of Lot 5 SP264451 I am in full support of the boundary re-alignment to be within the Toowoomba Regional Council which is as it was when we purchased the land in August of 2019.

I look forward to this matter being finalised.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

On 31 Oct 2023, at 12:47 pm, [REDACTED] wrote:

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for speaking with me on the phone earlier today.

As mentioned, I am contacting you on behalf of the Local Government Change Commission, which is an independent body established under the *Local Government Act 2009* to assess proposed changes to local government areas in Queensland.

On 6 April 2023, the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure referred an external boundary review of the Lockyer Valley Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council.

Specifically, the Change Commission is assessing a proposed change to three property lots that are currently split between these councils, including:

- Lots 5, SP264451
- Lot 6, SP264451, and
- Lot 7 on SP288601.

The proposed change is for these lots and the road reserve area of Mount Neale Road to be wholly contained within the Toowoomba Regional Council (transferring the portions currently located in the Lockyer Valley Regional Council). I have attached a map of the proposed change for your consideration.

During our phone conversation today, you confirmed you are the **owner of Lot 5 on SP264451 and that you are supportive of your lot being united within Toowoomba Regional Council**. Could I please ask that you **confirm your views in writing** by replying to this email, or if you prefer by sending a letter to GPO Box 1393, Brisbane QLD 4001.

Please note that your written response will be included in the Change Commission's report as an appendix, with any identifiable information redacted.

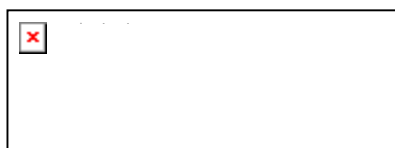
Once we have received your response, and following any additional research or consultation, the Change Commission will finalise its assessment and advise you of the results.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,



Principal Policy Officer
Strategy & Governance

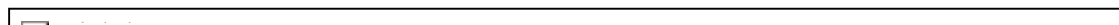


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The Electoral Commission of Queensland acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia, and their connection to land and community. We pay our respects to all Traditional Owners, and Elders past, present and emerging.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 31 October 2023 3:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] LG Boundaries
Subject: Re: Change Commission - local government boundary review - Lot 6 on SP264451

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Hi [REDACTED]

I can confirm we are the owner of Lot 6 on SP264451 and that we have no objection to the proposed change to unite this lot entirely within the Toowoomba Regional Council.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.

kind regards,
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 1:17 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] LG Boundaries <LGBoundaries@ecq.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Change Commission - local government boundary review - Lot 6 on SP264451

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

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I have received advice that you are the owner of Lot 6 on SP264451. Could I please ask you to confirm whether this is the case?

If this is your property, could I also ask that you confirm your views in writing as to the proposed change to unite this lot within the Toowoomba Regional Council. If you could please do so by replying to this email, or if you prefer

by sending a letter to GPO Box 1393, Brisbane QLD 4001. Please note that your written response will be included in the Change Commission's report as an appendix, with any identifiable information redacted.

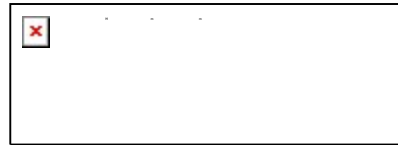
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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted]
Principal Policy Officer
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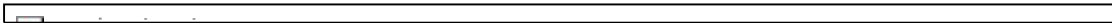


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Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for the update.

I fully support our Lot 7 being wholly with the TRC boundary.

I have Cc'd [REDACTED] so that you have their contact details.

Regards,

11/11/2014

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Figure 1

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Good morning

Thank you so much for speaking with me earlier on the phone.

As mentioned, the Local Government Change Commission has been asked to consider a proposed change to the external boundary between the Toowoomba Regional Council and the Lockyer Valley Regional Council. Specifically, there are three lots that have been identified as being split between these two council areas:

- Lots 5, SP264451
- Lot 6, SP264451, and
- Lot 7 on SP288601.

The proposed change is for these lots to be wholly contained within the Toowoomba Regional Council (transferring the portions currently located in the Lockyer Valley Regional Council).

In our phone conversation, you confirmed you are the owner of Lot 7 on SP288601 and that you are supportive of the change proposed. Could I please ask that you confirm your views in writing by replying to this email, or if you prefer by sending a letter to GPO Box 1393, Brisbane QLD 4001.

I also attach previous correspondence that we attempted to send to you from the Electoral Commissioner, including a map of the proposed change. Unfortunately, this correspondence did not reach you, however I attach it now as it more fully explains who the Change Commission is / what the review is seeking to determine. I note at the time the letter was sent, we believed you to be the owner of all three lots (Lots 5 and 6 on SP264451 and Lot 7 on SP288601), whereas now we understand you to be the owner of Lot 7 only.

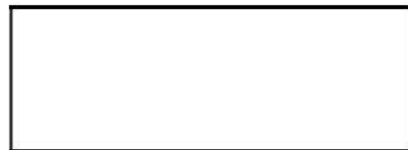
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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