

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGE COMMISSION

**REPORT ON A CHANGE
TO THE EXTERNAL BOUNDARIES OF THE
GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL AND
LOGAN CITY COUNCIL**

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Background

The then Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships the Honourable Desley Boyle referred to me a proposal to change the common boundary between Gold Coast City Council and Logan City Council.

The section of the boundary considered in this proposal relates to the tidal water course surrounding Boomerang Island, Lot 130 W3192. Boomerang Island is located in the Logan River.

The Change Commission in this case was constituted by me as 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.

The provisions of the Act in force at that time required that the Change Commission must—

- 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.

Submissions and Hearing

The Minister received submissions from both councils relating to the boundary change under consideration. Both Gold Coast and Logan City Councils passed resolutions supporting the proposed change to their common boundary.

A public hearing in connection with this matter was advertised in the *Courier Mail* and *Gold Coast Bulletin* newspapers on Saturday 9 April 2011. These newspapers are published daily and circulate in the local government areas concerned. Each council concerned in this matter was also advised of the hearing and invited to put any additional material that the council considered appropriate before the Change Commission.

The public hearing was held at Alberton on Friday 15 April 2011. There were no attendances.

Findings

I have assessed that the common boundary between Gold Coast City Council and Logan City Council should be changed to exclude the tidal watercourse surrounding Lot 130 W3192, Boomerang Island from Gold Coast City Council and include it in Logan City Council.

Reasons for Findings

After considering the material put before me, I find broad general support for the proposed change to the common boundary between Gold Coast and Logan Councils at Boomerang Island. In particular, I acknowledge the agreement and support of both councils.

I also note that because the course of the Logan River has also changed connecting the island at low tide to the Logan side of the river, it makes sense that the island should be included in Logan City Council.

Implementation

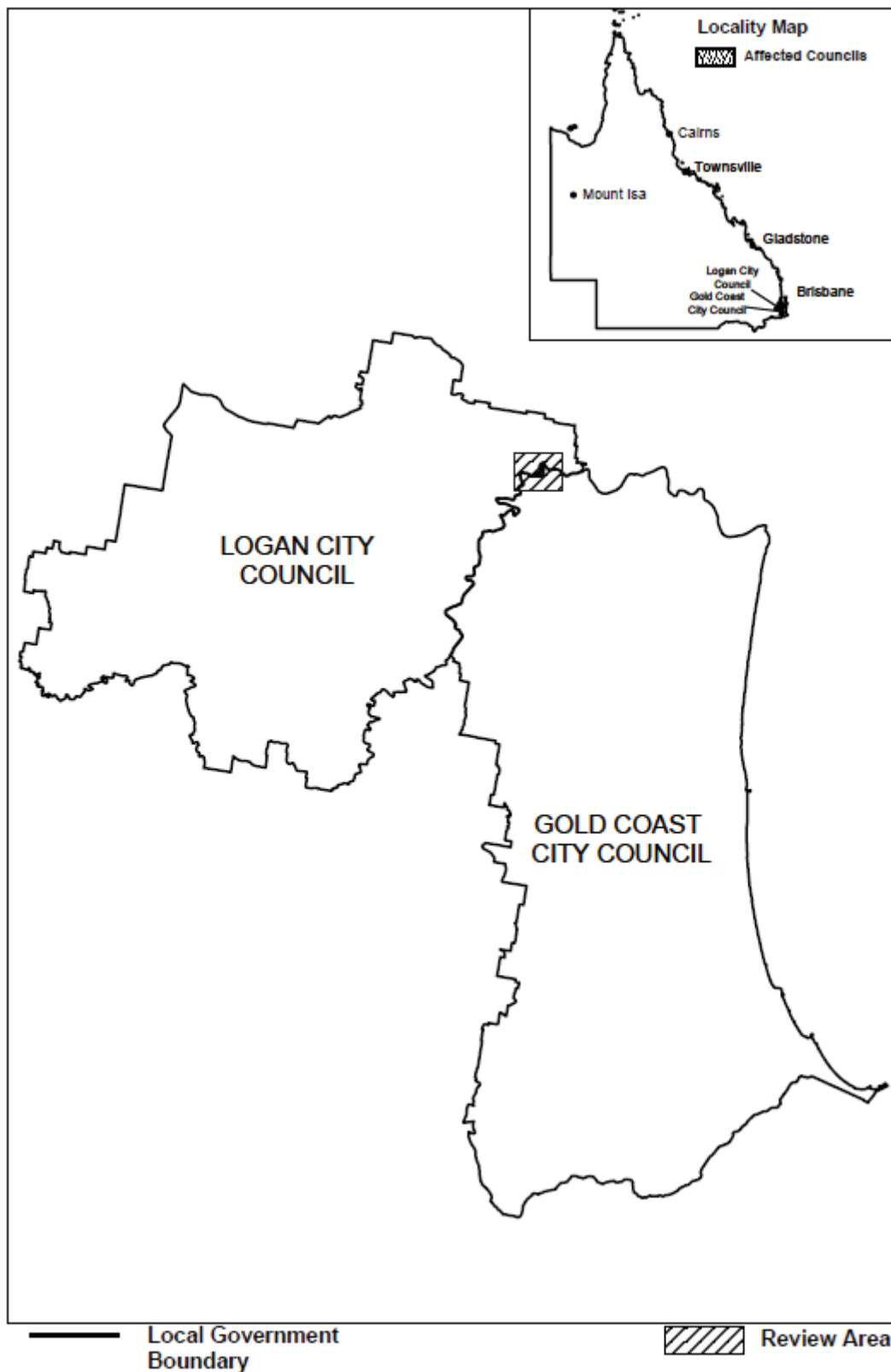
The Governor in Council may implement the Change Commission's recommendation under a regulation.

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

David Kerlake
Electoral Commissioner

APPENDIX A

Overview Map — Gold Coast City Council and Logan City Council



APPENDIX B

Detailed Map — Area Proposed for Boundary Change

Detailed Map
Land transfer to Logan LGA from Gold Coast LGA
(vicinity of Boomerang Island)

