

APPENDIX B

Minister's Referral



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Dear Pat

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

I have received correspondence from Mr Gary Stevenson, Chief Executive Officer of the Council dated 13 February 2019 advising of the results of the review, including that the Council's Division 1 and Division 6 do not have a reasonable proportion of electors as required by the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act). Mr Stevenson also proposed amendments to the boundaries of Division 1 and Division 6 to bring the proportion of electors in both divisions within the required range.

As you are aware, 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 any changes to divisional boundaries, the Change Commission consider the boundary changes to Division 1 and Division 6 proposed by the Council. A copy of the Council's review is enclosed.

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 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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