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Online submission for **Livingstone Shire Council and Rockhampton Regional Council - External Boundary Review** from **Cr Shane Latcham**

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To Whom It May Concern

I am the Rockhampton Regional Council Councillor who is the elected representative for the suburb of Parkhurst; which shares an area common boundary with RockyView (one of the “Northern Suburbs”). I would like to put forward my opinion and it doesn’t proprot to represent the position of Rockhampton Regional Council.

If I can be brutally honest, I believe that ECQ has missed a golden opportunity to heal the rift from de-amalgamation all those years ago. Sadly, this vote has further strained the relationship between Livingstone Shire Council and Rockhampton Regional Council. It has pitted CEO vs CEO, Mayor vs Mayor, Councillors vs Councillors and further **divided our communities**. How do we recover from this situation with the accusations and misinformation cast? There should have been a second question which asked if the two Councils should re-amalgamate.

When talking to residents of both Council’s, everyone I have talked to believes we should **re-amalgamate** if not now, it will be in the next 10-15 years when we will be forced to both remain financially sustainable. I personally believe that there should have been a conversation with extending Gladstone Regional Council as part of a bigger Council in Capricornia. It could be renamed “Capricorn Regional Council” and contain 3 “sub-councils”: Capricorn Coast Council (LSC), Capricorn Fitzroy Council (RRC) and Capricorn Gladstone Council. Rockhampton would be the “Capital City” of Capricorn Regional Council. My Vision for the Future.

In the meantime, we should respect the overwhelming majority of “Northern Suburbs” residents and return them to Rockhampton Regional Council. Fairer for Everyone.

Regards,

Cr Shane Latcham

Councillor

Rockhampton Regional Council