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Online submission for **Livingstone Shire Council and Rockhampton Regional Council - External Boundary Review** from **Geoff Breen**

Submission Details

Name: Geoff Breen

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Submission text: Livingstone has been through amalgamation, then de amalgamation. I see the State Government inevitably forcing us back under Rocky Regional Council. In order to speed up that process we need to start with the 3 Livingstone suburbs going to Rockhampton Regional, and the rest will follow. The effectiveness of Livingstone is demonstrated by their lack of engagement and accountability to Ratepayers. All interactions are at the discretion of Councilors and Council Staff. Requests and enquiries go unanswered, responses are sometimes rude and in the case of our last budget, 2 Councilors totally ignored my request to have discussions about it. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Most stood for election for change, transparency and accountability. There has been very little of that and Livingstone remains a bureaucracy that bleeds dollars, with very high rates, projects started and not finished or simply not maintained in the long run. I see no positives in sticking with our current situation [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There is very little consultation with the public. Timeframes are short and inflexible so ratepayers are locked out of truly influencing what is done. Our parks, gardens and streetscapes are a disgrace given the numbers employed to maintain them and the ongoing cost of casuals to work beside them. The sooner we are one Regional Council the better. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Livingstone has way too many staff and hard decisions need to be made all the time, not just after the boundary is decided. So unless you are in agreement with what the staff decide to do, and in agreement with the Councilors you will get no where. Alternate points of view backed by examples and facts are of no interest. The Council culture is long past it's best days. As rate payers we should be getting what we want, rather than getting what we are given. In QLD Local Government, Livingstone is a clear demonstration that democracy for the people by the people does not work here. I look forward to the shedding of waste as we move towards amalgamation again. Geoff Breen Barlows Hill.

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