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Local Government Change Commission
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Moreton Bay Regional Council - electoral arrangements review

To whom it may concern

I write in support of Moreton Bay Regional Council's (Council) bid to reclassify itself as a city.

With two of our five campuses located in the Moreton Bay Local Government Area (Petrie and Caboolture), the University of the Sunshine Coast (UniSC) has a strategic interest in the continued growth of the region. Since opening our Moreton Bay campus at Petrie in 2020, UniSC has experienced significant student growth driven by a previously unmet demand for high quality, locally delivered higher education opportunities. However, future growth will be influenced by the ability of the Council to continue its provision of infrastructure and services to the community, including those attractive to international students.

We believe that a 'city council' classification would enhance the profile of the region with key stakeholders, including the Commonwealth Government, and in turn increase the chance of further public and private investment that is aligned to UniSC's growth strategy in the region. This includes the critical need for new businesses to establish operations in the region, including industries of the future such as advanced manufacturing and technology. Industry partners are a critical component of UniSC's student offering and research strategy and any efforts to improve the reputation of the region amongst potential inter-regional, inter-state and international businesses and investors would be warmly welcomed by the university.

If you have any questions about UniSC's letter of support, please contact Jason Mills, Head of Government Relations on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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