

# **APPENDIX B**

## **Minister's Referral**



Minister for Local Government,  
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Minister for Multicultural Affairs

Our ref: MC19/1153

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Dear Pat

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

I have received correspondence from Mr Michael Whittaker, Chief Executive Officer of the Council dated 28 February 2019, advising of the results of the review, including that the number of electors as at 31 January 2019 is out of the quota of a reasonable proportion of electors as required by the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act) in one (Division 9) of the Council's 10 divisions.

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.

I consider it appropriate to refer the matter to you for independent assessment and determination by the Change Commission. I recommend that in assessing the proposed changes to divisional boundaries, the Change Commission considers the potential impacts on the proportion of electors in Division 1 arising from the current Aura development in Caloundra South and Harmony development in Palmview.

I have asked for 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

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