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Dear Mr Vidgen

I am writing to you about a change of classification proposal I have received from Moreton Bay Regional Council (the council) on 12 August 2022. The local government change of classification would involve the council being reclassified to a City Council.

Section 18 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (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, must consider my views on any proposed change and any other matters prescribed under a regulation.

With respect to a change of classification, section 13 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 specifies criteria for a local government to be declared a city.

Having examined the council's submission, a copy of which is enclosed, I consider it appropriate to refer the matter to you for independent assessment and determination by the Change Commission.

I acknowledge that there has been opposition to the proposed change by way of a petition tabled in parliament on 30 August 2022, which attracted 1,162 signatures. The petition argued the council's proposal has had limited input from residents and that the proposed change is not indicative of the wishes of the community.

While the proposal by the council identifies that community consultation was undertaken from April to May 2022, the Change Commission may wish to consider the issues raised in the petition during the assessment phase of the proposal. A copy of the petition is also enclosed for your consideration.

I have asked for Ms Shelley Meador, Senior Regional Advisor, Local Government Division in the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact Ms Meador on [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely


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