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## Online submission for **Livingstone Shire Council and Rockhampton Regional Council** - **External Boundary Review** from **Mary Carroll**

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### Submission Details

**Name:** Mary Carroll

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**Submission text:** This boundary review has been a waste of taxpayer and ratepayer funds, has caused unnecessary division in our community and ironically, been a lost opportunity for those who desire sensible change. RRC has clearly ‘cherry picked’ the three suburbs with the highest rate revenue and ignored other suburbs/townships to the north (The Caves, Marlborough, Ogmoo, Stanage Bay) plus Nerimbera to the east, not to mention the Shoalwater Bay Military Training Area which does not pay rates. It could be assumed that the cost of maintaining these other suburbs/townships far outweighs the rate revenue they produce which confirms that this is nothing but a blatant ‘cash grab’ by RRC from LSC, regardless of the financial consequences to ALL LSC ratepayers. RRC argues that the “community of interest” for these three suburbs is Rockhampton, not Livingstone Shire. This is a moot point, as residents and businesses in the two LGAs are integrally linked. Workers from both the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton commute each way daily for work from their place of residence, with residents from both communities visiting the other for leisure activities, shopping and visiting friends and family. Several businesses have offices in both Rockhampton and Yeppoon and many residents are ratepayers in both LGAs for investment purposes. The commute each way between Rockhampton and the Capricorn Coast is reflected in the daily traffic count of some 12,000 vehicles, which is why the federal and state governments have funded further duplication of the Yeppoon to Rockhampton Road. Those suggesting that RRC and LSC should be re-amalgamated, with this proposed boundary review being one step of a longer strategy, need to acknowledge that Rockhampton and the Capricorn Coast are very different communities. The future growth and opportunities will be quite different but complementary, which is exactly why they should remain separate LGAs. The effort and funds put into this proposal should have been executed very differently; all ratepayers should have been asked to vote on a boundary realignment of all suburbs to the north of Rockhampton as mentioned above and including Nerimbera to the east. Financial modelling could have been conducted to ensure that LSC (which could become the Capricorn Coast Regional Council) would be provided a fair and equitable compensation to acknowledge that residents and workers in Rockhampton enjoy the coastal and island facilities on a regular basis (i.e., the LGA debt portion of the \$54 Million Yeppoon Lagoon and foreshore redevelopment public infrastructure could be split between LSC and RRC as an example). RRC’s argument seems to focus on the three suburbs of the “northern corridor” as their strategic growth, but strategic growth is best achieved through partnership and collaboration. In this case, there has been no collaboration – in fact, it has been quite the opposite, with RRC using big brother bullying tactics with a politically aligned state government to proceed with a boundary proposal which has offered a ‘voluntary survey’ and a ‘non-binding’ result. What a ludicrous situation which is costing

unnecessary funds but with possible disastrous results!

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