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Online submission for **Livingstone Shire Council and Rockhampton Regional Council - External Boundary Review** from **Michael Powell**

Submission Details

Name: Michael Powell

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Submission text: Dear Sir, I have lived and owned a business in Rockhampton CBD for over four decades. Our family home has been in Livingstone since 1975. I have lived experience of the amalgamation of Livingstone and Rockhampton Councils and I am concerned that any boundary change would inevitably lead us down that path again. I wrote to the Minister for LG&P, Steven Miles MP, on the 10th June reminding him that it is Qld Govt. policy that unless BOTH Councils agree to the realignment it cannot go ahead without a change in Qld Government policy. What is the point in having policy and law if the Palaszczuk Government can change them at will, as we saw when the Local Govt. LAW was changed RETROSPECTIVELY to disqualify Chris Hooper as the Mayor Elect of RRC and subsequently have a Labor Mayor elected on 4th February 2021? It is my opinion therefore that this survey, called for by Minister Miles, is a cynical and divisive political exercise. I read the LSC submission, and found attached the letter written by former RRC Mayor, Margaret Strelow, who now Lives in Rockyview.

he new Councils began to work in harmony for the good of the whole of CQ. All that has now come unstuck and our communities are once again divided, neighbour against neighbour, father against son. These boundary wars simply must stop!

The Northern Suburbs of LSC have been part of that Shire since 1903 and they should remain that way. The Treasury report itself states that the economic benefits to RRC will be marginal but there will be a detrimental effect for LSC. Clearly this land grab by RRC is intended to open up the northern suburbs to high density urban sprawl in years to come. RRC is not short of land to develop. There is ample opportunity to increase the density of housing within the city itself, by both battle axing blocks and fully utilising vacant land. \$40.4 Million dollars has recently been allocated towards piping water to just 2000 residents in Mt Morgan. That sort of expenditure cannot be justified on such a small population living just 30 mins commute to Rockhampton. Surely the future growth area for RCC should now be along that pipeline? There is no valid justification for the boundary realignment.

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