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To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to make a submission in support of the transfer of Glendale, Glenlee and Rockyview to Rockhampton Regional Council (RRC) from Livingstone Shire Council (LSC).

I am a resident of Glendale with a young family and, while there are many reasons I believe the transfer should occur, I want to highlight one at the outset.

As my children grow up, I want Rockhampton to grow up with them.

I want both Livingstone Shire and the Rockhampton Region to be their best and I believe this transfer will do that.

If these suburbs transfer to Rockhampton, the QTC assessment clearly shows that RRC will grow the Northern Corridor and with that growth will no doubt come more – more people, more jobs, more healthcare, more education, more services and more infrastructure.

This is clearly demonstrated on page 26 of the QTC assessment which shows RRC investing \$29.1 million more on water and other trunk infrastructure. RRC are planning for that growth already.

In contrast, under Livingstone, we will see none of that as their focus is clearly on growing the coastal areas of Yeppoon and Emu Park.

I absolutely support them growing the Coast because if these suburbs transfer, LSC will continue to put its efforts into that area and RRC can focus on growing the Northern Suburbs and delivering more.

When both areas do well, each one does better, and this transfer clears the way for growth with both areas.

As a Glendale resident, the life of my family and I is lived in the Rockhampton Region. I work here and my children go to school here. They play sport for Rockhampton clubs. We spend our weekends at the Rockhampton Library or Kershaw Gardens. We shop in Rockhampton and support local businesses here because it is important to help your community. Our lives are intrinsically Rockhampton lives.

I believe we deserve to be recognised for that. I want the rates I pay to contribute to building the community my family and I live our lives in.

These things have to matter not just because they are evident and true but because these principles are reflected in legislation on which the Queensland Government stands.

The *Local Government Regulations 2012* Division 1 Section 9<sup>1</sup> specifically deals with 'Communities of interest' and it is clear that these three suburbs are a Community of Interest to the Rockhampton Region.

Having read the LSC submission, it is solely focussed on the short-term financial situation. While I can understand they don't want finances to be impacted, it fails to deal with the broader social and community links which define where a person calls home.

And this is exactly what the legislation asks for when defining a Community of Interest, which I'll address using the terminology from Section 9 (1) which states "The external boundaries of a local

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/sl-2012-0236#sec.9>

government area should be drawn in a way that has regard to communities of interest, including that the local government area should generally—

**(a) Reflect local communities, for example, the geographical pattern of human activities (where people live, work and engage in leisure activities), and the linkages between local communities**

Livingstone Shire is simply not where the majority of these residents live, work and engage in leisure activities. While I do not speak for all residents in these suburbs, the anecdotal evidence detailed in my submission plus three separate surveys of residents wanting to stay in the Rockhampton LGA show that my experience is more than likely representative of that wider community. I also note there is actual data which supports this premise in the RRC submission<sup>2</sup> on page 13 under the heading 'Geographic Patterns of Activity' which shows 95% of these residents' lives are lived in the Rockhampton LGA.

**(b) have a centre, or centres, of administration and service easily accessible to its population**

Livingstone Shire Council made a deliberate decision in 2017 to close its Rockhampton customer service centre located in East Street, Rockhampton. Since then, the closest centre of administrations, customer service centres, depots and libraries, are located some 40 kilometres away in Yeppoon. This is in contrast to Rockhampton, with administrative centres located less than 12 kilometres away. For full-time workers in these suburbs, there is a clear benefit in having closer access to these administrative services in Rockhampton. This is particularly true if residents are required to attend a Council facility for services such as animal management, pest control and natural disasters – in the event of a Tropical Cyclone or Bushfire, residents here are more than likely to attend an evacuation centre in Rockhampton than Yeppoon. In the event of localised flash flooding, the sandbag sites set up by Councils are closer in Rockhampton than in Yeppoon.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission and I hope it has provided yourself with further reasons, both legislative and socially, to ensure these suburbs are transferred to Rockhampton Regional Council.

Regards



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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.ecg.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0025/56464/RRC-Written-Submission\\_30-May-2022\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.ecg.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0025/56464/RRC-Written-Submission_30-May-2022_FINAL.pdf)