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## Notification of stage 1 potential boundary proposal

Dear Mr Morphett

Thank you for your letter of 26 December 2019 outlining the potential proposal for a boundary change as required by the Boundaries Commission's (the Commission's) Guideline 6 — Proposals Initiated by Members of the Public.

As you are aware, the intent of the two-stage requirement under Guideline 6 is to enable the Commission to provide advice it considers relevant to a potential general proposal before extensive work is done to fully develop the proposal and refer it to the Commission.

At its meeting on 13 February 2020, the Commission considered your potential proposal.

The Commission understands that the intent of your potential proposal is to align a number of parcels of land (the subject area) that are currently within the Copper Coast Council with the Township of Tickera, which is within the Barunga West Council area. However, further information is required before the Commission can advise you whether or not you may refer a general proposal for the Commission's consideration.

When discussing potential proposals, the Commission gives close consideration to the principles contained under section 26 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act). These principles are of fundamental importance to boundary change proposals and ultimately form the basis of any recommendation that the Commission makes to the Minister.

It is for this reason that the Commission's Guidelines require prospective initiators to consider these principles at the outset of a potential proposal.

The Commission notes that you have briefly mentioned the Sections 26 principles in your correspondence. However, the potential proposal at this stage does not indicate how the subject area links to a broader concept of a 'community of interest' as envisaged by these principles. For this reason the Commission is of the view that that potential proposal, as provided by you, does not easily fit within the expectation of the Section 26 principles.

The Commission strongly recommends that the link to the Section 26 principles needs to be drawn more closely if the Commission is to consider the referral of a general proposal. These principles are available with the Commission's guidelines.

In particular, I suggest that you identify how your potential proposal links with the principle that a council area should incorporate or promote an accessible centre for local administration and services, given that the relative distance from the subject land to Wallaroo is significantly less than the distance to Port Broughton.

Furthermore, it is unclear from the map provided as to whether the seafront properties on Myponie Point Drive and Morphett Road are included within the area you wish to move into

the Barunga West Council area. A detailed map of all land parcels which form this proposal would assist the Commission's considerations.

I must also emphasise that dissatisfaction with the services provided by a council, or particular decisions made by a council is not sufficient reason to make a boundary change proposal to the Commission. If you are dissatisfied with a service provided by the Copper Coast Council, including its current planning controls you should discuss these concerns with the Council in the first instance.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you. If you have further questions, please contact Mr Thomas Rossini in the Office of Local Government on 7109 7443, or [thomas.rossini@sa.gov.au](mailto:thomas.rossini@sa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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Chair, SA Local Government Boundaries Commission

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