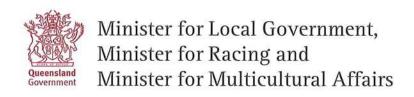
APPENDIX A

Minister's Referral



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Mr Pat Vidgen PSM Electoral Commissioner Electoral Commission Queensland GPO Box 1393 BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Pat

I am writing to you in relation to a Local Government electoral review that was undertaken by the Gold Coast City Council in preparation for the 2020 Local Government quadrennial elections.

I have received correspondence from Mr Dale Dickson PSM, Chief Executive Officer of the Council dated 27 February 2019 advising of the results of the review, including that the number of electors in Divisions 1, 3 and 10 are out of the quota of a reasonable proportion of electors as required by the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act).

As you are aware, section 18 of 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 and must consider my views on any proposed changes.

I consider it appropriate to refer the matter to you for independent assessment and determination by the Change Commission. I recommend that in assessing the proposed changes to divisional boundaries in Divisions 1, 3 and 10, the Change Commission considers the potential impacts of residential developments at Ormeau, Kingsholme, Pimpama and Upper Coomera in Division 1, and at Coomera in Division 3, that are experiencing rapid population growth.

The following projected population growth figures for the Council's divisions were provided by the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning and are based on data obtained from the Council's Local Government Infrastructure Plan.

Projected population growth for the Gold Coast City Council

| Division | 2016 | 2021 | 2026 | Residential developments |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| 1 | 72,982 | 88,614 | 89,366 | Large greenfield developments located in Ormeau, Kingsholme, Pimpama and Upper Coomera |
| 2 | 34,367 | 35,864 | 39,374 | |
| 3 | 47,292 | 63,099 | 82,423 | Large greenfield residential developments located in Coomera |
| 4 | 43,429 | 44,782 | 47,488 | |
| 5 | 40,189 | 42,559 | 44,080 | |
| 6 | 63,396 | 67,624 | 75,506 | |
| 7 | 51,337 | 55,425 | 64,389 | |
| 8 | 34,477 | 36,688 | 38,791 | |
| 9 | 39,514 | 43,144 | 47,484 | |
| 10 | 37,651 | 43,672 | 48,941 | |
| 11 | 42,308 | 48,014 | 51,694 | |
| 12 | 29,848 | 31,180 | 32,612 | |
| 13 | 41,869 | 45,132 | 47,974 | |
| 14 | 29,626 | 34,386 | 36,433 | |

I have asked for Mr Daniel Westall, Manager Governance, Local Government Division in the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact Mr Westall on or by email at

Yours sincerely

STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP

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Minister for Racing and

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