

APPENDIX A

Minister's Referral



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Mr Pat Vidgen PSM
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Electoral Commission Queensland
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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 [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely



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