



Office of the Hon Jackie Trad MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure,
Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade

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Mr Bob Johnson
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Dear Mr Johnson

Thank you for your letter of 9 March 2015 to the Honourable Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade, requesting a meeting to discuss the Government's policy on proposed local government boundary changes. The Deputy Premier has asked that I respond on her behalf.

In relation to your request for a meeting, the Deputy Premier apologises that she is unable to meet with you at this time.

In line with comments made by the Honourable Tim Mulherin, former MP, the Government's policy position for significant changes to local government boundaries requires each of the following criteria to be met before referral to the Local Government Change Commission:

- A request from the local communities affected by the proposed change
- Resolutions supporting the proposed change from the affected local governments
- Assessments demonstrating the future financial sustainability of the affected local governments.

In addition, the Government would only implement a recommendation of the Local Government Change Commission after a successful referendum of residents of the local governments affected by the change.

Proposals that meet the above criteria may be considered for referral to the Local Government Change Commission to provide an independent assessment and appropriate recommendations.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Mr Max Barrie, Director, Program Implementation and Review in the Department on (07) 3452 6704 or by email at max.barrie@dlgcr.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely


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