



# **ORDINARY MEETING**

## **AGENDA**

**11 AUGUST 2015**

*Your attendance is required at an Ordinary meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 11 August 2015 commencing at 9:00am for transaction of the enclosed business.*

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
6 August 2015

Next Meeting Date: 08.09.15

**Please note:**

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, please be advised that all discussion held during the meeting is recorded for the purpose of verifying the minutes. This will include any discussion involving a Councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

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## **1 OPENING**

The opening prayer will be presented by Father Bryan Hanifin from the Catholic Parish of Rockhampton South.

## **2 PRESENT**

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow (Chairperson)  
Councillor C E Smith  
Councillor C R Rutherford  
Councillor G A Belz  
Councillor S J Schwarten  
Councillor A P Williams  
Councillor R A Swadling  
Councillor N K Fisher

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

## **3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

## **4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 14 July 2015

Minutes of the Special Meeting held 3 August 2015

## **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

## **6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING**

Nil

## **7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS**

### **7.1 DEPUTATION FROM MR BRUCE KRENSKE, ROCKHAMPTON BUILDING APPROVALS - BUILDING LODGEMENT FEES**

**File No:** 7028

**Attachments:** Nil

**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

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#### **SUMMARY**

*Mr Bruce Krenske, Rockhampton Building Approvals has requested an opportunity to discuss building lodgement fees set by Council.*

#### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the deputation from Rockhampton Building Approvals be received.

#### **COMMENTARY**

Mr Bruce Krenske from Rockhampton Building Approvals will attend the meeting at 9.00am to put forward a case regarding the increase in building lodgement fees set by Council.

A comprehensive report on the Building Compliance Unit fees and charges is included separately in this Agenda.

## **8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

Nil

## **9 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **9.1 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING - 4 AUGUST 2015**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, held on 4 August 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

**Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 4 August 2015****9.1.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE****File No:** 10097**Attachments:** 1. Business Outstanding Table for Parks and Recreation Committee**Responsible Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

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**SUMMARY**

*The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Parks and Recreation Committee is presented for Councillors information.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Parks and Recreation Committee be received.

**Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 4 August 2015****9.1.2 SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL AFL HUB AT STENLAKE PARK****File No:** 4323**Attachments:**

1. AFL QLD - Capricornia Infrastructure Strategy
2. 3D Render of Proposed New Clubhouse
3. Current Design Plans for New Clubhouse

**Authorising Officer:** Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks  
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Sophia Czarkowski - Coordinator Parks Recreation Services

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**SUMMARY**

*AFL Queensland has been in discussions with Rockhampton Regional Council regarding the development of a Regional AFL Hub at Stenlake Park, 20 McLaughlin Street, Kawana. AFL Queensland is seeking Council's support of its proposed projects associated with the Centre of Excellence.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT:

1. Council support AFL Queensland's proposal to develop a Regional AFL Hub at Stenlake Park, 20 McLaughlin Street, Kawana;
2. Council support AFL Queensland's initial proposal for the development and construction of a new club house and lighting upgrade;
3. The Manager Parks be authorised to negotiate the final proposal for the new clubhouse and lighting upgrade with AFL Queensland; and
4. Any requests from AFL Queensland for financial support for the project be presented to Parks and Recreation Committee for consideration.

**Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 4 August 2015****9.1.3 APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE STATE GOVERNMENT'S GET OUT, GET ACTIVE PROGRAM**

**File No:** 1033  
**Attachments:** 1. Get Out Get Active Funding Information  
**Authorising Officer:** Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks  
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services  
**Author:** Sophia Czarkowski - Coordinator Parks Recreation Services

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**SUMMARY**

*The Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing (Queensland Government) has released the Get Out, Get Active funding program. Funding of up to \$20,000 is available to Local Governments for projects that encourage women and girls to participate in sport and recreation. Programs are to be conducted between 2 November 2015 and 31 October 2016. This report outlines proposed projects in Council's grant application for the KickStartCQ – Get Out! Get Active! Initiative.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT:

1. Council approves the submission of an application to the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing under the Get Out, Get Active funding program.
2. Council provides approval for a financial contribution in the event that the application is successful.
3. A program similar to the 'Active Parks Program' in Brisbane City Council be piloted.



**Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 4 August 2015****9.1.4 REQUEST TO AMEND LEASE BOUNDARIES - ATHELSTANE TENNIS CLUB AND ROCKHAMPTON MALLET SPORTS CLUB****File No:** 5488**Attachments:**

1. Copy of letters from Athelstane Tennis Club and Rockhampton Mallet Sports Club
2. Overview of area
3. Map showing Leased areas

**Authorising Officer:** Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks  
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Sophia Czarkowski - Coordinator Parks Recreation Services

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**SUMMARY**

*Athelstane Tennis Club and Rockhampton Mallet Sports Club hold Trustee Leases over part of the Botanic Gardens Reserve. Athelstane Tennis Club is seeking permission to construct an accessible toilet block outside of its Leased area. Permission is being sought to amend the leased areas of both Clubs to enable the development.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT:

1. Council accede to the request to surrender a portion of the Rockhampton Mallet Sport Club's Leased area to allow Athelstane Tennis Club to construct its toilet block; and
2. Council accede to the request from Athelstane Tennis Club to increase its Leased area to allow for the construction of an accessible toilet block in line with the conditions listed in the report.

**Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 4 August 2015****9.1.5 REUSE OF TIMBER SALVAGED FROM ROCKHAMPTON BOTANIC GARDENS AND KERSHAW GARDENS**

**File No:** 1464  
**Attachments:** Nil  
**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services  
**Author:** Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks  
**Previous Items:** L.2 - Reuse of Timber Salvaged from Rockhampton Botanic Gardens and Kershaw Gardens - Ordinary Council - 14 Apr 2015 9.00 am

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**SUMMARY**

*As part of the Clear and Salvage phase post Tropical Cyclone Marcia, a significant amount of timber has been stockpiled to allow the opportunity for future unspecified uses. This report outlines the result of a Sale by Tender process and proposes additional uses for and disposal of the stockpiled timber.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council approves:

1. Accepting the offers to purchase specified amounts from Simon McCubbin and from Roundyard Rocking Horses;
2. An application to be made to RADF for funding to conduct community arts workshops to create items from the timber, with the participants to own any made pieces;
3. Inclusion of a sculptural or public art piece within the scope of the Riverside Park/ Quay Street redevelopment; and
4. A contract arrangement to be made to process the timber and manufacture souvenir and/or household items, including the provision of stools for story-time at the City Child Care Centre.

**Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 4 August 2015****9.1.6 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE OPERATIONS REPORT - JUNE 2015****File No:** 1464**Attachments:** 1. Parks and Open Space Operations Report - June 2015**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks

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**SUMMARY**

*This report provides information on the activities and services of Parks and Open Space Unit for the month of June 2015.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the report on the activities and services of Parks and Open Space Unit for June 2015 be received.

**Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 4 August 2015****9.1.7 KERSHAW GARDENS REMEDIATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT -  
PROGRESS REPORT**

**File No:** 1464  
**Attachments:** Nil  
**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services  
**Author:** Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks

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**SUMMARY**

*Kershaw Gardens has been closed to the public since February; a remediation project commenced works on site on 21 April 2015, this report is an update on progress.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT:

- The verbal briefing on progress of remediation at Kershaw Gardens be received;
- Master plans for the entire site be developed and presented to Council;
- Detailed planning for the area of Knight Street area be commenced as soon as possible; and
- An update on remediation be made to the community and a new sign be made as soon as the Master Plan is available.

**9.2 COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING - 4 AUGUST 2015****RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Communities Committee meeting, held on 4 August 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

**Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 4 August 2015****9.2.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE****File No:** 10097**Attachments:** 1. **Business Outstanding Table for  
Communities Committee****Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

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**SUMMARY**

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Communities Committee be received.

**Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 4 August 2015****9.2.2 TRAVEL ASSISTANCE FOR ROCKHAMPTON ART GALLERY CURATOR****File No:** 3147**Attachments:** 1. Diana Warnes Travel Proposal - 2015 Venice Biennale**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Peter Owens - Manager Arts and Heritage

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**SUMMARY**

*Rockhampton Art Gallery Curator, Ms Diana Warnes is requesting Council assistance to take-up a volunteer position at the Australian Pavilion at the 2015 Venice Biennale.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council agrees to provide financial assistance of \$1,000 towards travel costs to allow Ms Diana Warnes to take-up a volunteer position at the Australian Pavilion at the 2015 Venice Biennale as part of her professional development.

**Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 4 August 2015****9.2.3 2016 SHOW PUBLIC HOLIDAY****File No:** 456**Attachments:** Nil**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Peter Owens - Manager Arts and Heritage

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**SUMMARY**

*Each year the Queensland Government Attorney General writes to Council inviting Council to nominate a date for the granting of a special public holiday for the holding of the annual agricultural show. The management committee of the Rockhampton Agricultural and Citizens Show Society has advised Council of its preferred date for this holiday in 2016.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council directs the Chief Executive Officer to write to The Hon Yvette D'Ath MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, requesting that the Attorney-General appoint a special agricultural show holiday for the Rockhampton Regional Council region for Thursday 16 June 2016.



**Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 4 August 2015****9.2.4 MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FOR ARTS AND HERITAGE FOR JUNE 2015****File No:** 1464**Attachments:** 1. Monthly Operations Report for Arts and Heritage for June 2015**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Peter Owens - Manager Arts and Heritage

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**SUMMARY**

*The report provides information on the programs and activities of the Arts and Heritage section for June 2015.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Monthly Operations Report of the Arts and Heritage section for June 2015 be received.

**Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 4 August 2015****9.2.5 COMMUNITIES AND FACILITIES MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT****File No:** 1464**Attachments:** 1. Communities and Facilities Monthly  
Operational Report**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services

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**SUMMARY**

*This report provides information on the activities of the Communities and Facilities section for the month of June 2015.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Monthly Operational Report on the activities of the Communities and Facilities section for the month of June be received.

**9.3 HEALTH AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 4 AUGUST 2015****RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Health & Compliance Committee meeting, held on 4 August 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

**Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 4 August 2015****9.3.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR HEALTH AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE****File No:** 10097**Attachments:** 1. Business Outstanding Table for Health and Compliance Committee**Responsible Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services

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**SUMMARY**

*The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Health and Compliance Committee is presented for Councillors' information.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Health and Compliance Committee be received.

**Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 4 August 2015****9.3.2 PROPOSED ANIMAL INSPECTION PROGRAM****File No:** 7437**Attachments:**  
1. Map of Proposed Inspection Area  
2. Notice of Proposed Inspection Program**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance

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**SUMMARY**

*This report presents a revised Animal Inspection Program for consideration by Council. Prior to Rockhampton Regional Council officers undertaking an inspection program, the Systematic Inspection Program, to monitor compliance with the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008, Rockhampton Regional Council Local Law 1 (Administration) 2011, and Rockhampton Regional Council Local Law 2 (Animal Management) 2011 must be approved by Council.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT in accordance with the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* and *Local Government Act 2009*, Council approves an inspection program, the Systematic Inspection Program, for the identified areas of Gracemere between 4 April 2016 and 30 September 2016.

**Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 4 August 2015****9.3.3 MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FROM COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE UNIT FOR JUNE 2015****File No:** 1464**Attachments:**

1. Monthly Operations Report From Community Standards and Compliance Unit For June 2015
2. Traffic Light Report for June 2015
3. Financial Matters Report for June 2015

**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance

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**SUMMARY**

*The monthly Operations Report for Community Standards and Compliance Section as at 30 June 2015 is presented for Councillor's information.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Community Standards and Compliance Monthly Operations Report for June 2015 be 'received'.

**9.4 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE MEETING - 5 AUGUST 2015****RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Business Enterprise Committee meeting, held on 5 August 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

**Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 5 August 2015****9.4.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE****File No:** 10097**Attachments:** 1. **Business Outstanding Table for Business Enterprise Committee****Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Business Enterprise Committee be received.



**Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 5 August 2015****9.4.2 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT - ROCKHAMPTON AIRPORT -  
MONTHLY OPERATIONS AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN REPORT****File No:** 7927**Attachments:** 1. **Airport Monthly Operations & Annual  
Performance Plan Report****Authorising Officer:** Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services**Author:** Trevor Heard - Manager Rockhampton Airport

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**SUMMARY**

*The monthly operations and annual performance plan report for the Rockhampton Airport as at 30 June 2015 is presented for Councillors information.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Corporate Services Departmental Operations and Annual Performance Plan Report for the Rockhampton Airport as at 30 June 2015 be "received".

**Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 5 August 2015****9.4.3 MONTHLY OPERATIONS AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN REPORT  
ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL WASTE AND RECYCLING PERIOD ENDED  
30 JUNE 2015****File No: 7927****Attachments: 1. Monthly Operations and Annual Performance  
Plan June 2015****Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services****Author: Sandra Brown - Personal Assistant to Manager RRWR**

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**SUMMARY**

*The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of Rockhampton Regional Waste and Recycling (RRWR) for the month of June 2015.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Monthly Operations and Annual Performance Plan Report for Rockhampton Regional Waste And Recycling Period Ended 30 June 2015 be received.

**9.5 WATER COMMITTEE MEETING - 5 AUGUST 2015****RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Water Committee meeting, held on 5 August 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

**Recommendation of the Water Committee, 5 August 2015****9.5.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR WATER COMMITTEE****File No:** 10097**Attachments:** 1. **Business Outstanding Table for Water Committee****Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

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**SUMMARY**

*The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Water Committee is presented for Councillors' information.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Water Committee be received.

**Recommendation of the Water Committee, 5 August 2015****9.5.2 FRW MONTHLY OPERATIONS AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN AS AT 30 JUNE 2015****File No:** 1466**Attachments:**

1. FRW Monthly Operations and Annual Performance Plan as at 30 June 2015
2. Customer Service Standards as at 30 June 2015
3. Customer Service and Financial Targets as at 30 June 2015
4. Non Compliance Comments as at 30 June 2015

**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** Nimish Chand - Manager FRW

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**SUMMARY**

*The Monthly Operations and Annual Performance Plan Report for Fitzroy River Water (FRW) as at 30 June 2015 are presented for Councillors information.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the FRW Monthly Operations Report and Annual Performance Plan quarterly report as at 30 June 2015 be received.

**9.6 INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING - 5 AUGUST 2015****RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting, held on 5 August 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

**Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 5 August 2015****9.6.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE****File No:** 10097**Attachments:** 1. **Business Outstanding Table for  
Infrastructure Committee****Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

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**SUMMARY**

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Infrastructure Committee be received.

**Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 5 August 2015****9.6.2 GERMAN STREET TRAFFIC CONCERNS****File No:** 5252**Attachments:**

1. German Street Drawing 1
2. German Street Drawing 2
3. German Street Drawing 3

**Authorising Officer:** Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services  
Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** Angus Russell - Coordinator Strategic Infrastructure

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**SUMMARY**

*Council has received a petition about road safety issues from concerned residents in German Street. Council has carried out an investigation into the road safety issues identified by the residents. This report presents the findings of the investigation.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

1. THAT the report titled German Street Traffic Concerns be received and petitioners be advised in accordance with the recommendations;
2. THAT 40km/hr advisory speed signs are installed underneath the existing Curve Warnings signs on the approach to the curve on German Street and Raised Retro-reflective Pavement Markers (RRPM's) are installed along both edge lines for the length of the curve in accordance with drawing GERMAN-3; and
3. THAT Council continue to regularly monitor traffic for possible speed violations and notify the Queensland Police, as necessary, to take enforcement action.
4. THAT six months following the implementation of the recommendations above this matter be reassessed and a report be presented to the committee.



**Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 5 August 2015****9.6.3 ROCKHAMPTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC**

**File No:** 8020  
**Attachments:** 1. Location of the proposed works  
2. Horticultural Society letter to Council  
**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services  
**Author:** David Bremert - Manager Civil Operations

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**SUMMARY**

*The Rockhampton Horticultural Society Inc has written to Council requesting Council to seal the verge in front of its building to improve access to the premises in all weather conditions.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT \$19,000 be re-allocated from the Road Safety Minor Works program to fund the sealing of the footpath area as outlined in the map presented as Attachment 1 to this report.

**Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 5 August 2015****9.6.4 WACKFORD STREET DRAINAGE PETITION**

**File No:** 8055, 2479  
**Attachments:** 1. Wackford street Petition  
**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services  
**Author:** Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services

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**SUMMARY**

*Council has received a petition from residents of Wackford Street, Park Avenue in relation to the repeated flooding experienced in that street.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council take the following action:

1. The inlet structure at the eastern end of Wackford Street is considered to be a problematic site for stormwater inundation and require that it be scheduled for regular inspection and cleared as required;
2. The trees adjacent to the Wackford Street inlet structure and channel be removed;
3. A drainage investigation into the Wackford Street drainage issues be conducted with a view to identifying possible mitigation options;
4. A drainage scheme based on the findings of the drainage investigation be prepared and the scheme be submitted to Council for budgetary consideration;
5. That all petitioners be advised of the actions being taken in accordance with recommendation 1-4 above.

**Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 5 August 2015****9.6.5 ANNUAL ROAD RESEAL STREET LISTING****File No:** 8396

**Attachments:**

1. Proposed list of roads for reseal for 2015/16 - Rockhampton Slurry
2. Proposed list of roads for reseal for 2015/16 - Rockhampton Asphalt
3. Proposed list of roads for reseal for 2015/16 - Gracemere
4. Proposed list of roads for reseal for 2015/16 - Mt Morgan
5. Proposed list of roads for reseal for 2015/16 - Rural

**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** David Bremert - Manager Civil Operations

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**SUMMARY**

*Council undertakes an annual reseal program each year to ensure the roads are maintain at an adequate service level that can be afforded in the budget.*

*The annual reseal program includes asphalt resurfacing, the slurry seal program and our normal reseals of roads in the rural areas.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council endorse the list of roads for reseals for 2015/16.

**Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 5 August 2015****9.6.6 PILBEAM DRIVE - NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY ARRANGEMENTS TC MARCIA PROJECT**

**File No:** 11543  
**Attachments:** Nil  
**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services  
**Author:** David Bremert - Manager Civil Operations

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**SUMMARY**

*This report outlines the current status of funding submissions, investigation and design work in relation to the repairs required to Pilbeam Drive and associated infrastructure and adjacent areas under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) as a result of TC Marcia. The report is submitted for the Committee's information.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That the contents of the Pilbeam Drive – NDRRA TC Marcia project report be noted.

**Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 5 August 2015****9.6.7 ENGINEERING SERVICES MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - AUGUST 2015****File No:** 7028**Attachments:** 1. Monthly Operations Report - Engineering Services - 31 May 2015 and 30 June 2015**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services

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**SUMMARY**

*This report outlines Engineering Services Monthly Operations Report for the period to the end of May and June 2015.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Engineering Services Monthly Operations Report for August 2015 report be received.

**Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 5 August 2015****9.6.8 CIVIL OPERATIONS MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - AUGUST 2015****File No:** 7028**Attachments:**

1. Monthly Operations Report - Civil Operations  
- 31 May and 30 June 2015
2. Works Program - July - August 2015

**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** David Bremert - Manager Civil Operations

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**SUMMARY**

*This report outlines Civil Operations Monthly Operations Report 31 May 2015 and 30 June 2015 (attachment 1), and also Works Program of planned projects for the months July – August 2015.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Civil Operations Monthly Operations Report for August be received.

**Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 5 August 2015****9.6.9 PETITION - STORM WATER DRAINAGE ISSUES, VENABLES STREET, FRENCHVILLE****File No: 8055****Responsible Officer: Robert Holmes –General Manager Regional Services**

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**SUMMARY**

*Councillor Fisher tabled a petition from Justen Parle relating to storm water drainage issues in Venables Street, Frenchville.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the petition presented by Councillor Neil Fisher regarding storm water drainage issues in Venables Street, Frenchville be received and a report on the matter be prepared for the Committee's consideration.

## **10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS**

Nil



## 11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

### 11.1 BUILDING COMPLIANCE UNIT FEES AND CHARGES

**File No:** 7028  
**Attachments:** Nil  
**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services  
**Author:** Tarnya Fitzgibbon - Manager Development and Building

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#### SUMMARY

*The Building Compliance Unit fees and charges are being brought back before Council following a complaint about the electronic lodgement fee.*

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council keeps the 2015 adopted electronic lodgement fees of \$119 (for class 1 and 10 buildings) and \$146 (for class 2 to 9 buildings), as they more closely reflect the cost to Council of providing this service.

#### BACKGROUND

When the Building Compliance Unit fees and charges were considered by Council during the 2015 review of fees and charges, two sets of fees and charges were presented. One set of the fees and charges imposed a 3.3% increase, while the second set changed the manner in which fees and charges were presented to make it easier for both Council staff and customers to understand.

A complaint has been received that the fees for electronic lodgements have increased substantially. As a result of the complaint this matter is being brought back before Council.

The electronic lodgement fee, on its face, appears to have gone from \$80 per lodgement to \$119 per lodgement, appearing to be an increase of forty-eight per cent (48%). However, the 2014/2015 fees and charges for the electronic lodgement fees adopted were \$120, with over the counter or postal lodgement being \$80. Following a complaint, this fee was reduced to \$80 by the then Coordinator Building and Plumbing so that all hard copy and electronic lodgements were \$80. When the fees and charges for 2015/2016 were prepared, the 2014/2015 adopted fee of \$120 was considered when determining the proposed increase. It is considered that \$120 would not cover the costs to Council in providing this service, but it more closely reflects the cost of providing this service than \$80.

The reason for the increase in the 2014/2015 fees and charges was that the fee being charged for electronic lodgements did not cover the costs to Council of providing this service. As a result of Council systems not accommodating a purely electronic system, it is effectively an email lodgement with Council officers having to print out and collate all electronic lodgements, which takes a substantial amount of time and takes up considerable resources. The lodgement of hard copy documents takes less time to process and usually involves just scanning the document rather than printing and collating it.

In preparing the 2015/2016 fees and charges, the 2014/2015 adopted fee was taken into consideration and Council's fees and charges for Building Compliance were benchmarked against eight (8) other local governments.

| LOCAL GOVERNMENT                                       | DOMESTIC FEE                           | COMMERCIAL FEE                         |
|--|--|--|
| Mareeba Shire Council                                  | \$130                                  | \$190                                  |
| Isaac Regional Council                                 | \$105                                  | \$105                                  |
| Central Highlands Regional Council                     | \$140                                  | \$140                                  |
| Gladstone Regional Council                             | \$170                                  | \$170                                  |
| Livingstone Shire Council                              | \$75 (electronic)<br>\$150 (hard copy) | \$75 (electronic)<br>\$150 (hard copy) |
| Redlands Shire Council                                 | \$122                                  | \$174                                  |
| Mackay Regional Council                                | \$104                                  | \$153                                  |
| Banana Shire Council                                   | \$110                                  | \$110                                  |
| Rockhampton Regional Council<br>adopted 2015/2016 fees | \$119                                  | \$146                                  |

## CONCLUSION

Council has two options, being:

### Option One

Keep the 2015 adopted electronic lodgement fees of \$119 (for class 1 and 10 buildings) and \$146 (for class 2 to 9 buildings), as it more closely reflects the cost to Council of providing this service.

### Option Two

Reduce the 2015 electronic lodgement fee to \$83, which represents a 3.3% increase (rounded to the nearest dollar) on the 2014 hard copy lodgement fee and accept that the fee does not reflect the cost of Council providing this service.

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**11.2 ADOPTION AND COMMENCEMENT OF A NEW ROCKHAMPTON REGION PLANNING SCHEME**

**File No:** RRPS-PRO-2010/03/07/09  
**Attachments:** Nil  
**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services  
**Author:** Robert Truscott - Coordinator Strategic Planning

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**SUMMARY**

*Council submitted the proposed Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme for final Ministerial review in March 2015. The Deputy Premier, who is also the Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, has now given conditional approval for Council to adopt the proposed planning scheme. The report proposes Council accept all conditions and adopt the proposed planning scheme.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

1. THAT Council adopt the proposed Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme amended to fully incorporate the Minister's conditions of approval and to make a number of minor administrative changes; and
2. THAT the new Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme commence on and from Monday 24 August 2015.

**COMMENTARY**

Council updated the proposed planning scheme to include changes agreed with Council following public consultation. The updated scheme was then submitted for final Ministerial review in March 2015. During the weeks that followed local Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DILGP) officers co-ordinated reviews by relevant State Government agencies. A number of the issues raised were discussed with Council. Following this DILGP submitted a report to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, making recommendations on how to proceed.

As a result Council received a notice on 25 June 2015 from the Deputy Premier that subject to a number of mandatory conditions, it may adopt the proposed planning scheme. The conditions are summarised below:

1. Changes to move the Rural residential zone from the Residential to 'Other Zone' category.
2. Amend Part 10 'Other Plans' to include reference and information about State Development Areas (Stanwell-Gladstone Infrastructure Corridor), Priority Development Areas (CQU) and Land Use Plan (Gladstone Ports Corporation Land Use Plan 2012, Port Alma).
3. Amend Section 1.2(1)(j) to acknowledge the other plans identified in Condition 2.
4. Include and integrate the State Planning Policy (July 2014) code listed in Appendix 1, "SPP Code: Fire services in development accessed by common private title".
5. Amend the level of assessment table for land triggered by the extractive resources overlay to make residential uses code assessable.

Council has also identified a number of minor administrative spelling, grammar and formatting changes that will assist legibility but in no way alter the intent that can be made.

Councillors can review a copy of the proposed planning scheme, updated as proposed by contacting Councillor Support staff.

**DISCUSSION**

The conditioned changes and administrative amendments can be made without compromising the intent or desired local outcomes of the proposed planning scheme.

If Council resolve to adopt the proposed Planning Scheme, updated to include the conditions it must also agree on a commencement date for the new Planning Scheme. There are a number of factors to consider in finalising a commencement date:

- The need to complete necessary statutory steps leading up to commencement.
- Finalising and checking new Council systems and processes to ensure they work reliably from day one. In particular this includes on-line enquiry and mapping systems.
- The preparation, appropriate notice and logistical issues associated with a launch event and public awareness that a new Scheme is about to commence.
- The availability of key staff to support Council staff and applicants following commencement.

Taking these factors into consideration Monday 24 August 2015 is recommended as the commencement date. Other than the following statutory steps the major event planned for the launch of the new scheme is a special Developer Forum to be held immediately prior to commencement. Ideally it will be held on the most suitable date in the week prior to commencement. Strategic Planning staff will be available to support Development Assessment staff following commencement.

Statutory Step:

- Place a notice in The Morning Bulletin, Council's website and the Queensland Government Gazette providing the name of the Local Government, the adoption date, the commencement date and where to inspect and purchase a copy of the planning scheme.

**CONCLUSION**

The State Government has given approval for Council to adopt the proposed planning scheme, subject to a number of conditions. The conditions prescribed will not materially impact on the policy intent or functionality of the proposed planning scheme. It is important that Council's systems are fully functional and required statutory steps are completed prior to commencement of the new planning scheme. Commencement of the new planning scheme is therefore proposed for 24 August 2015.

**11.3 ECONOMIC GARDENING CAPRICORN PROPOSAL**

**File No:** 1022  
**Attachments:** 1. Economic Gardening Illawarra "Flyer"  
**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer  
**Author:** Robert Truscott - Coordinator Strategic Planning

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**SUMMARY**

*Economic Gardening is a comprehensive training and mentoring development program for small business, originally developed in the United States. A successful program has been operating for many years in the Illawarra region of NSW. Capricorn Enterprise is proposing to commence a program for this region. This report provides Council with the information necessary to guide a decision on participation.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council support the Economic Gardening Capricorn project and appropriate conditions be developed to ensure the contribution benefits businesses in the Rockhampton region.

**COMMENTARY**

The genesis of the proposed economic gardening program was as a response to deteriorating business conditions in 1989 in Littleton, Colorado in the USA. The program has evolved since. A successful program has been in operation in the Illawarra region of NSW since 2006. It was originally funded by a consortium, but is now totally funded by local governments. Since 2006 in excess of 370 businesses have completed the program.

At its core it provides small business owners who nominate to do the program the time, skills and support to work on their business, rather than in it.

The program consists of the following steps:

- One day boot camp to share strategies that work
- Four interactive workshops to provide the tools required to successfully grow a business
- One on one on site mentoring for selected businesses

An independent review of the Illawarra experience indicates the program has been successful there. It reports the program has directly created 591 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions and using a multiplier 922 FTE's sustained. This is reported to have resulted in a \$144.5 million injection to the local economy. A copy of the 2015 Illawarra program brochure is attached for information. Some of the testimonials are noteworthy.

Capricorn Enterprise conducted workshops in February this year to introduce and explain the program and gauge interest. The workshops included presentations from those involved in the successful Illawarra program. Approximately sixty local business owners attended. Since then 28 businesses from the coast and Rockhampton have nominated to complete the program.

Capricorn Enterprise is seeking Council support of ~ \$50,000 to run two programs in 2015/16. The full cost of running the two programs will be ~ \$160,000. The balance of funding will come from the federal Industry Skills Fund and LSC. It is then intended the program is run twice a year for the remaining four years that the Industry Skills Fund is available. This would require a contribution by RRC of \$50,000 in the 2015/16 budget year. No funds are currently allocated in the budget for this program in 2015/16. The total contribution of RRC over five years would be ~\$250,000.

**DISCUSSION**

A strong and diverse small business sector has long been identified as an important cornerstone of a successful economy. Many small businesses start with a passion for a service or product, but lack the experience and skills necessary to convert their passion into a viable business. At the core of sustained viability is the need to successfully grow the business.

This program has been successful in the Illawarra region. It appears it has had some mixed results elsewhere; however time did not permit any detailed research of other case studies. To a large extent the success of these programs may be determined by the dedication and quality of ongoing support received by participating businesses. One swallow does not make a summer. Council should be assured of ongoing program leadership and commitment before participating.

The strong interest from local businesses does demonstrate a need for governments at all levels to provide worthwhile support for small business.

Other issues that need to be considered by Council in making a decision to support this program include:

- To be successful the program should operate for the full five years proposed.
- As a tripartite arrangement between RRC, LSC and Capricorn Enterprise the management and continuation of the program may become complicated unless explicit arrangements are made at the outset.
- There is no budget allocation in the 2015/16 budget year for the program in the first year. Beyond the first year an allocation could be made in the Regional Development budget.
- A memorandum of understanding between the parties may be useful in providing confidence about the ongoing governance and net benefit of the program.

**CONCLUSION**

Economic Gardening is a business mentoring and development model that has proven successful over many years in the Illawarra region. The decision of a number of local governments to continue funding it there is evidence of this. RRC will have to contribute up to \$50,000 a year for five years as part of a tripartite arrangement with LSC and Capricorn Enterprise to have the program deliver measureable benefit here. As the program needs to run for several years a funding and management agreement between the parties may be worthwhile as a condition of Council's participation.

# **ECONOMIC GARDENING CAPRICORN PROPOSAL**

## **Economic Gardening Illawarra "Flyer"**

**Meeting Date: 11 August 2015**

**Attachment No: 1**



## ECONOMIC GARDENING ILLAWARRA High Growth Business Program

### The Economic Gardening Program A Brief Overview

The Economic Gardening Program is a unique business learning opportunity that is:

- Delivered by business professionals
- Designed to help businesses thrive and expand
- Facilitated locally



"Thanks to the Economic Gardening Program we have trebled our annual turnover and doubled our staff numbers in the past two years"

**Mary Danic-Oberdan**



The Economic Gardening Illawarra Program is a service available to local businesses to help them achieve increased profits and sustainable growth.

It helps businesses to thrive and expand by building on their success.

Businesses that gain most benefit are those that have sound business models, are no longer start-ups and are ready to mature to the second stage of their development.

### How will the program help your business?

#### We assist businesses to:

- develop strategic business plans
- manage finances for growth
- use targeted marketing strategies to achieve growth
- implement effective customer management systems
- identify niche markets
- use the internet to fast track business growth
- use search engine optimisation (SEO) & online advertising

The next program will begin with a Business Boot Camp on:

**TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2015**

from 9.00am - 5.00pm

The closing date for applications is: **MONDAY, 9 MARCH 2015**



What other business people say about the  
**The Economic Gardening Program**



"Over the past 2 years I have recruited 11 new staff members, 24 sub-contractors, leased a warehouse in Warilla, increased annual turnover by 400% and gained 12 new major clients from Economic Gardening Marketing Lists."

**Jamie Luttrell,**  
Pro-Logic Promotion  
Management



"The business has grown by 10% for each of the last 3 consecutive years. We have recruited an additional person and plan to employ 4 more and exposed 95% of the NSW population to our brand."

**Daniel & Ruben Lezcano,**  
Cooks Confectionery



"We started Economic Gardening in 2007 with 1 franchise and 2 operations. We have now sold 11 franchises. We get new customers every week and our repeat customers continue to return."

**Anthony Gelfius,**  
Boab Boats

**The Economic Gardening Program includes:**

**Business Boot Camp:** A day to work on your business, rather than in your business. The Boot Camp will identify management principles and strategies that work in successful high growth businesses and help you to apply them in your own business.

**Workshops:** Four interactive workshops designed to give you the tools required to successfully grow your business.

**Business Coaching:** Possible one-on-one coaching from a business specialist at your business to help you identify systems, procedures and strategies to grow your business.

Economic Gardening also provides networking and business-to-business opportunities and access to a range of practical resources.



Places are limited & time is running out!

**DON'T DELAY  
APPLY TODAY!**

**Applications close  
MONDAY, 9 MARCH 2015**

**For more details call: 4221 6030**

Email: [economic.development@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au](mailto:economic.development@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au)

or visit our website

**[www.economicgardening.com.au](http://www.economicgardening.com.au)**

The Economic Gardening Program is an initiative of



**11.4 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL - INFOR PUBLIC SECTOR FORUM 2015 - NEW ZEALAND**

**File No:** 7767  
**Attachments:** 1. Infor User Forum Agenda  
**Authorising Officer:** Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services  
**Author:** Drew Stevenson - Manager Corporate and Technology Services

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**SUMMARY**

*The Manager Corporate and Technology is seeking approval for Council's Corporate Applications Team Leader to travel to Wellington, New Zealand, to attend the annual Infor (Pathway) Public Sector User Forum being held from 8 to 10 September 2015.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council approves the international travel to Wellington, New Zealand for the Corporate Applications Team Leader to attend the annual Infor Public Sector User Forum being held from 8 to 10 September 2015.

**COMMENTARY**

Rockhampton Regional Council is a member of the Infor Public Sector User group. Infor is the software vendor for Council's Pathway system supporting property and rating, customer relationship management, planning and compliance, local laws, and licensing. This user group holds an annual conference for delegates to receive product updates, have input into and vote on the future direction of product modules, and hear case studies and presentations involving the Pathway system. The User Forum also provides excellent networking opportunities with other councils utilising the same product. Rockhampton Regional Council has been an active member participating in the annual forums.

Each year the User Forum is hosted by a council in a major metropolitan city in Australia or New Zealand. This year's user forum has adopted the theme of '*Crystallising – Mobility – Innovation*' (agenda attached) and is being held in Wellington, NZ, from 8 to 10 September 2015.

Being a financial member of the user forum entitles member councils to be reimbursed for travel expenses (air travel) up to the amount of \$1,000 per delegate. The anticipated travel cost to fly from Rockhampton to Wellington, NZ, is approximately \$800 per person.

The cost of the user forum is \$550 per delegate plus accommodation and incidentals which is anticipated to be approximately \$800 per delegate. Therefore the total cost for attendance will be approximately \$1,350 per delegate; funded within the Corporate and Technology Section's 2015/16 budget.

# **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL - INFOR PUBLIC SECTOR FORUM 2015 - NEW ZEALAND**

## **Infor User Forum Agenda**

**Meeting Date: 11 August 2015**


**Attachment No: 1**

# Infor Public Sector User Forum 2015


Te Papa Tongarewa  
Museum of New Zealand, Wellington NZ


## Crystallising – Mobility - Innovation

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| 6:00pm  | Monday 7 September<br>Welcome Reception BBQ – Icon Room<br>(Te Papa Tongarewa)  |
|         | Agenda Day 1<br>Tuesday 8 September 2015  |
| 8:00am  | Registration (Oceania Room)   |
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| 8:30am  | Powhiri – Traditional Maori Welcome Ceremony (Murai Room)<br>Includes Morning Tea   |
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| 10:45am | Conference Welcome (Oceania Room)<br>Marianne Di Giallonardo, Chair, Infor Public Sector User Forum   |
|         |   |
| 11:00am | Keynote Speaker – George Elder, Christchurch City Council<br>Four years on from the devastation caused by multiple earthquakes, George will talk about their experience during and after the disaster, including how they have coped or not, with life. |
| 11:45am | Infor Business Update<br>Joanne Ruhl, Managing Director Infor Pacific   |
| 12:30pm | Lunch   |

| 1:30pm                | <b>Infor Pathway Product Update</b> (Te Huinga Centre Room 1) – Darrell Smith, Development & Support Operations Manager<br><b>Infor Public Sector Suite Product Update</b> (Te Huinga Centre Room 2) – Mark Oliver, IPS Product Manager   |                                    |      |       |                       |         |                                    |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------------------|------|-------|-----------------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| 3.30 pm               | <b>Afternoon Tea</b>  |                                    |      |       |                       |         |                                    |
| 4:00pm                | <b>Update on Tomorrow’s Sessions and General Business</b><br>Marianne Di Giallonardo, Chair, Infor Public Sector User Forum   |                                    |      |       |                       |         |                                    |
| 4:30pm                | <b>Tuesday Close</b>  |                                    |      |       |                       |         |                                    |
| 6:30pm                | <div><p>PRODUCTION: 2015 INFOR. PUBLIC SECTOR. USER. FORUM</p><p>SCENE: AWARDS CONFERENCE DINNER</p><p>LOCATION: RENOUF FOYER - MICHAEL FOWLER CENTRE<br/>111 Wakefield Street, Wellington</p><table><tr><th>DATE</th><th>TIME</th><th>DRESS</th></tr><tr><td>TUES 8 SEPTEMBER 2015</td><td>6.30 PM</td><td>MOVIE ACTOR / ACTRESS / CHARACTERS</td></tr></table></div> | DATE                               | TIME | DRESS | TUES 8 SEPTEMBER 2015 | 6.30 PM | MOVIE ACTOR / ACTRESS / CHARACTERS |
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| Agenda Day 2<br>Wednesday 9 September<br>Concurrent Sessions |   | Wellington 2015<br>Te Papa Tongarewa<br>Crystallising – Mobility - Innovation  |   |
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| 9:00am   | <b>Strategy<br/>Chair</b><br><br><b>Strategy Master Class with<br/>David Bartlett</b><br><br><i>How does one go about strategy, identifying the strategy blockers, resources, understanding the external environment, equipping organisational leadership with the 'smarts' on the way forward for your particular organisation? How does one be pro-active and deal with the difficult complexities internally to move your organisational debates, mindsets and deliverables forward for the best community outcomes?</i> | <b>Pathway Technical<br/>Chair</b><br><br><b>Online Only</b><br><br><b>Sam Gray, City of Ballarat</b><br><br><i>As the Grampians Regional Certifying Body for the Australian Department of Immigration the City of Ballarat have used ePathway to offer assessments only online. City Watch went live in Ballarat in December 2013. This presentation will take you on the journey for both.</i> | <b>Infor Public Sector Suite Technical<br/>Chair</b><br><br><b>Advanced Asset Management</b><br><br><b>Richard Mansell, Infor</b><br><br><i>Using the Advanced Asset Management for better informed and more robust future decision making, budget and needs analysis.</i>  |
|  | 9:30am  | <b>Application Referrals Online</b><br><br><b>Laura Thompson and Vicki Showler<br/>Macedon Ranges Shire Council</b><br><br><i>Macedon Ranges have implemented Application Referrals for internal staff to use as well as external referral authorities. They will talk about how it has worked for them and why they have implemented this function in this way.</i>                             | <b>Works Management Reporting &amp; Analytics</b><br><br><b>Julia Osmolovskaya, Frankston City Council</b><br><br><i>Frankston City Council has implemented reactive works management functionality. System reporting and analytics were an important consideration during the system design phase. A number of Crystal reports have been generated as part of the project. Reports help to monitor compliance with the Road Management act as well as guide work process improvements.</i> |
|  |   | 10:00am  | <b>To be advised</b>  |

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| 10.30am | Morning Tea  |  |   |
|         | GET TOGETHER OUTSIDE THE BOX SESSIONS – TOPICS 1 TO 6 ALL CONCURRENT<br>Choose a session to attend |  |   |
| 11.00am | <b>Strategy - Topic 1</b><br><br><b>Strategy Master Class with David Bartlett (Continued)</b>      | <b>Pathway – Topic 1</b><br><br><b>Proactive Dashboards</b><br><br><i>Using dashboards more proactively to analyse data and make use of the power of this really useful Smart Client feature. Examples from many sites will be handed out.</i><br><br><b>Facilitator – Ross Pesina</b><br>City of Greater Bendigo  | <b>IPS – Topic 1</b><br><br><b>Works Management &amp; Reporting</b><br><br><b>Facilitator – David Down</b><br>Horowhenua District Council |
|         |  | <b>Pathway - Topic 2</b><br><br><b>Online</b><br><br><i>What would you like to know? What can you share? Discuss current use, future development and what it is being used for now.</i><br><br><b>Facilitator – Michelle Formosa</b><br>City of Wollongong   | <b>IPS – Topic 2</b><br><br><b>Valuations &amp; Revaluations</b><br><br><b>Facilitator – Anton Perris</b><br>Maroondah City Council       |
| 12:30pm | <b>Lunch</b><br>State and NZ Coordinators Meeting (Te Huinga Centre)                               |  |   |
| 1:30pm  |                 | <b>Keynote Speaker – David Bartlett</b><br><br>David has over 20 years' experience in the IT, telecommunications and Government sectors. Prior to entering the Tasmanian Parliament David has an extensive career in the ICT sector holding positions in Telstra, the Department of Health & Human Services, the Department of Education and the Department of State Development.<br><br>David also held the position of General Manager Innovation, Science & Technology reporting to the Tasmanian Innovation Advisory Board. During his 8 year parliamentary career David was Premier of Tasmania from 2008 - 2011. He also held the positions of Minister for Education & Skills (4 years) and Minister for Innovation, Science & Technology.<br><br>For his current work in digital futures, innovation and technology leadership he was recently named as one of Australia's 50 Most Influential People in Technology. |   |

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| 2.30pm | <b>Infor Public Sector User Forum Annual General Meeting</b><br><br>Presentation of Annual Reports from the President & Treasurer. Constitutional changes and general business.<br>All positions declared vacant followed by elections.   |
| 3.00pm | <b>Afternoon Tea</b>  |
| 3:30pm | <div>  <div> <b>Keynote Speaker – Amy Scott</b><br/><br/>           You can't get anymore grassroots than effective communication... it doesn't matter who you are or what you do...<br/>           Passionate about improving communication of people, families, businesses, organisations, teams, workplaces and communities everywhere.<br/><br/>           Amy Scott says "It's not rocket science - it is simply learning how not to rub people up the wrong way!"<br/><br/>           Following a career as a practicing lawyer Amy changed direction. Amy has since had over 10 years' experience as a communication consultant, trainer, speaker, mentor and author. She is a recognised "thought leader" and one of Australasia's most sought after speakers.         </div> </div> |
| 4:45pm | <b>Update on Tomorrow's Sessions and General Business</b><br>Marianne Di Giallonardo, Chair, Infor Public Sector User Forum   |
| 5:00pm | <b>Wednesday Close</b>  |
|        | <b>Free Evening</b>   |





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| 10:30am | Morning Tea   |   |   |
|         | GET TOGETHER OUTSIDE THE BOX SESSIONS – TOPICS 1 TO 6 ALL CONCURRENT<br>Choose a session to attend  |   |   |
| 11:00am | <b>Strategy - Topic 1</b><br><br><b>Strategy</b><br><br><i>What else do I need to discuss or work through about strategy that will assist me and my organisation when I get back to work?</i><br><br><b>Facilitator – Marianne Di Giallonardo</b><br>Maroondah City Council | <b>Pathway – Topic 1</b><br><br><b>Document Management</b><br><br><i>Come along and discuss any topic on documents and document management: business processes, why post when you can email, archiving old documents, document template standards, email designs.</i><br><br><b>Facilitator – Robyn Ashmore</b><br>City of Ballarat | <b>IPS – Topic 1</b><br><br><b>New Asset Management Standards</b><br><br><b>Facilitator – David Down</b><br>Horowhenua District Council |
| 11:30am |   | <b>Pathway - Topic 2</b><br><br><b>Mobility</b><br><br><i>What would you like to know about Smart Apps or City Watch? What can you share? Discuss current use, future development, setup, equipment and take up.</i><br><br><b>Facilitator – Liz Bailey</b><br>City of West Torrens   | <b>IPS – Topic 2</b><br><br><b>Data Management</b><br><br><b>Facilitator –</b>  |
| 12:00pm | Conference Close (including Early Kiwi Registration Draw)   |   |   |
| 12:30pm | Lunch   |   |   |

## Forum Sponsors



**11.5 ZOO COLLECTION - RADIATED TORTOISES**

**File No:** 3066  
**Attachments:** 1. Image of Radiated Tortoise  
**Authorising Officer:** Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks  
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services  
**Author:** Sophia Czarkowski - Coordinator Parks Recreation Services

Parks & Recreation Committee at its meeting on 04 August 2015 resolved that the matter be referred to the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 11 August 2015.

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**SUMMARY**

*An opportunity has become available for Rockhampton Regional Council to become involved in the importation of confiscated Radiated Tortoises (Astrochelys Radiata) from Kadoorie Botanic Gardens and Zoo, Hong Kong.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council decline to participate in the current program of redistribution, and express interest in participating in a future importation. Further, Council officers continue with staged redevelopment planning and implementation of Zoo redevelopment/master plan, including the addition of an enclosure suitable for the Radiated tortoise.

**COMMENTARY**

The Radiated Tortoise (*Astrochelys Radiata*) have a conservation status of 'critically endangered' and are known for their distinctive high-domed shell, being black with either yellow or orange stars. Native to Southern Madagascar the Radiated Tortoise weighs up to 16kg and measures between 30 and 40 centimetres in length when mature.

**BACKGROUND**

The illegal importation and trade of Radiated Tortoises is an ongoing issue across the world with some of the largest confiscations occurring in 2012. As part of the long term viability and conservation of the species confiscated tortoises are being distributed to a range of zoos from Kadoorie Botanic Gardens and Zoo, Hong Kong.

Since 2012, Australian zoos have been involved in two (2) importation programs with a third currently being organized. Mogo, Cairns Tropical, Darling Downs and Perth Zoos have been involved in the previous programs successfully importing and rehousing 21 tortoises. A further 60 confiscated Radiated Tortoises are available for importation at present.

The current importation timeframe is estimated to be one (1) to two (2) years. Council needs to advise its intention by Wednesday 19 August 2015.

**Species information:**

The Radiated tortoise is a grazing herbivore, feeding during the day primarily on grasses, fruit and succulent plants, which form 80-90% of their diet. The species is also known to occasionally consume animal matter. It is a land-based animal that is not designed for water submersion and housing it with ponds should be avoided.

The Radiated Tortoise can be kept in a relatively small enclosure with a minimum allocation of 2m<sup>2</sup> of enclosure space per tortoise. Due to the tortoise being desirable, a focus must be placed on anti-theft enclosures including a non-scalable enclosure perimeter fence and consideration for cameras or security services. Further the tortoises will be held in predator proof enclosures with smooth walls to prevent climbing.

It is proposed to import five (5) juveniles (sex unknown) with an age range of five (5) years to 18 years based on the size of the tortoises.

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It is anticipated that once the tortoises reach maturity that a breeding program will commence to assist in supplementing the worldwide numbers of this species.

#### Co-habitation:

Radiated Tortoises are ground foragers and consideration must be given to their natural traits as well as endangered status. The ideal enclosure for Radiated Tortoise would be a single species enclosure measuring 8m (length) x 5m (depth) x 2m (height). The enclosure would replicate a dry forest with dirt floor, palm trees, clumping grasses, rocks and a small sheltered area. The Radiated Tortoises require a heat lamp during winter and good exposure to sunlight year round.

The table below identifies some existing enclosures and possible consequences of co-habitation with existing species:

| Exhibit                                 | Consequences  |
|---|---|
| Macaques and Otters                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The combination of these species will result in negative animal interactions.</li> <li>• It is unknown how the otters would react to the Radiated Tortoises; however, it is likely that negative animal interactions would occur.</li> <li>• The Radiated Tortoises would be at risk of being rolled onto their back a position they are unable to get out of, a keeper would need to enter the enclosure every time this occurred to help the tortoise.</li> <li>• The body of water in the macaque enclosure may put the Radiated Tortoises at risk of drowning.</li> </ul>                                |
| Aviaries (free flight, macaw, bush etc) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birds are susceptible to diseases like chlamydia; salmonella etc and this can be passed on through faeces, as Radiated Tortoises are ground foragers they will be placed at risk of diseases. Most aviaries have either a solid roof or have large areas of shade. The Radiated Tortoises require more sunlight than the existing aviaries can provide.</li> <li>• The Radiated Tortoises will end up with bird droppings on their backs, which will make the tortoises appear poorly looked after. Ongoing and regular cleaning of the tortoises would be required at a higher rate than normal.</li> </ul> |
| Chimpanzees                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is likely that the chimpanzees would harm the Radiated Tortoises so co-habitation is not possible.</li> </ul>   |

#### Enclosure Information:

It is preferred that a single species enclosure is provided for the Radiated Tortoises, a suitable location is yet to be determined.

#### Current zoological collection:

The theme for Rockhampton Zoo is 'Life in the Forest' and features a four (4) pillar approach for its operation Environment, Education, Conservation and Research. The four (4) pillars are identified across the Zoo's three (3) habitats being rainforest, dry eucalypt and wetlands. The addition of Radiated Tortoises would be incorporated into the rainforest habitat and would be considered part of the Conservation pillar of the Zoo's operations due to the critically endangered status of this species. It must be noted that the Radiated Tortoises are from a dry forest area not a rainforest.

The current collection primarily consists of Asian and Australian species with Great Apes being the only African animal currently exhibited at the Zoo. Officers should revisit the original redevelopment plan and focus on achieving its objectives. The Rockhampton Zoo still has a number of species off display that are unable to be displayed until new exhibits are constructed and development priorities should be placed on construction of these exhibits, including the reptile house.

Options

1. Decline to participate in the current program of redistribution, and express interest in participating in a future importation. Continue with staged redevelopment planning and implementation of Zoo redevelopment/ master plan, including the addition of an enclosure suitable for the Radiated tortoise
2. Continue with staged redevelopment planning and implementation of Zoo redevelopment/ master plan, including the addition of an enclosure suitable for the Radiated tortoise; accept the offer to participate in the current program of redistribution, noting that delivery would be programmed in the 2017-18 year.
3. Decline to participate in this and in any future importation, as the Radiated tortoise doesn't align with the current Rockhampton Zoo collection.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

The Radiated Tortoise will be a new exhibit for Rockhampton Zoo and is not currently budgeted.

As the ideal housing for the Radiated tortoise is a single species enclosure; existing enclosures do not meet the requirements and a purpose- designed and constructed one should be provided; an indicative cost of \$71,500 has been derived from the experience of the development of the otter enclosure.

The following approximate costs will be incurred for importation of the Radiated Tortoises:

| Item  | Cost                            |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Initial importation costs including freight, crate and QAP inspection | \$1,500<br>(\$300 per tortoise) |
| Relevant permits  | \$400                           |
| Quarantine  | \$500                           |
| Travel costs from quarantine to Rockhampton                           | \$500                           |
| Contingency   | \$580                           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$3,480</b>                  |

The ongoing operational expenditure is considered quite low due to the species herbivorous diet and estimated at \$2,500 per annum for five (5) tortoises.

# **ZOO COLLECTION - RADIATED TORTOISES**

## **Image of Radiated Tortoise**

**Meeting Date: 11 August 2015**

**Attachment No: 1**

Images of Radiated tortoise (courtesy of Google)





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**11.6 RESTORATION PLAN FOR ROCKHAMPTON BOTANIC GARDENS POST TROPICAL CYCLONE MARCIA**

**File No:** 805

**Attachments:** 1. Areas of Rockhampton Botanic Gardens  
2. Restoration Areas and Approaches

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Parks & Recreation Committee at its meeting on 04 August 2015 resolved that the matter be referred to the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 11 August 2015.

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**SUMMARY**

*Destructive winds associated with Tropical Cyclone Marcia (20 February, 2015) caused extensive damage to botanical collections at one of the region's premier attractions, Rockhampton Botanic Gardens. This report outlines the program of work to be implemented to progress restoration of the Gardens.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council

1. Endorses the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens restoration priorities as outlined in the report; and
2. Supports on-going implementation, as funding and availability of appropriate specimens allows.

**COMMENTARY**

This report was presented to the Parks & Recreation Committee 07 July 2015 and subsequently laid on the table pending a site inspection by Councillors. The site inspection was conducted on Monday 03 August 2015 and was attended by Mayor Strelow and Cr's Williams, Rutherford and Fisher. Minor updates/changes have been made to the original report for consistency of presentation and to incorporate feedback and comments received.

Tropical Cyclone Marcia caused extensive tree damage and tree losses at Rockhampton Botanic Gardens. Any proposed strategy to replace those trees lost or refurbish those areas damaged by implementing new plantings must take into consideration;

- a) The conservation values of those trees lost/areas damaged, and
- b) The current and future needs of the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens as a botanical collection and as a visitor attraction.

Council officers have been preparing the *Rockhampton Botanic Gardens Collection Management Strategy* which examines the collections at Rockhampton Botanic Gardens in the context of their cultural heritage significance, utilising the [Burra Charter](#) and the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992* as the primary reference sources. According to the Act, cultural heritage significance of a place or feature of a place:

*"...means its aesthetic, architectural, historical, scientific, social, or other significance, to the present generation or past or future generations".*



Restoration: Iconic Elements

The table at Attachment 2 outlines the areas and approach to restoration along with assigned priorities. The term “Iconic Elements” is generally applied to those sections which have been assessed as being having cultural heritage significance. Those areas are:

- (a) Ann St. Entry - Bunya Avenue
- (b) North/South Axis - Cuban Royal Palms
- (c) Spencer St. Entry – Canariensis Palms
- (d) Cenotaph – Canariensis Palms
- (e) Banyan Figs - Kiosk
- (f) Experimental Garden
- (g) Tamarind Tree Line, and
- (h) Hugo Lassen Fernery

All areas have been assessed and assigned a priority and indicative timeline for the required work to be carried out.

Restoration: Other Opportunities

Alongside the need to restore and replace existing elements, there also exists the opportunity to redesign parts of the Gardens to provide an improved layout for the better presentation of the Gardens’ plant collections and the attractions the Gardens has to offer. Some options under consideration are:

- a) Repositioning the Cycad collection to establish one comprehensive exhibit
- b) Redesign of the entry precinct including improved parking arrangements and a review of the function and operation of the Hugo Lassen Fernery
- c) Refurbishment of the Japanese Garden (including the Phyllis Street entry)
- d) Refurbishment of the North-South Axis and the creation of a “Croton Walk”,
- e) Improved legibility and entrance to the southern area of the Gardens, from the Yeppen Lagoon walk,
- f) The creation of an Australian native plant precinct within the Gardens, and
- g) Relocation of the collection of cacti and succulents (Arid Garden Beds)

**BACKGROUND**

The first Rockhampton Botanic Gardens Trust Committee was appointed in July 1871, some 18 months after the Public Gardens Reserve was gazetted. The Trust was made up of former Rockhampton Mayor Robert Miller Hunter, serving and former aldermen of the Council: Thomas Nobbs, Alexander Grant, Henry Jones and J. MacDonald Patterson, Commissioner for Customs W.J. Brown and prominent Rockhampton businessman John Headrick. The first Government grant payment was received by the Trust in August 1873, some of which was applied towards employing a Curator.

The Rockhampton Botanic Gardens evolved into their present day form through the individual methodologies put in place by each of the six curators that have served in that office since planting of the Gardens first commenced in 1873.

In 1999 the Royal Horticultural Society accepted that there were many public gardens that came under the auspice of being botanic gardens that conducted very little or no scientific activity at all. Since then, Botanic Gardens Conservation International based at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, has determined that the definition of a botanic garden is;

*“An institution holding documented collections of living plants for the purposes of scientific research, conservation, display and education”*

Whilst it would be true to say that the majority of visitors to Rockhampton Botanic Gardens have always had the common perception of the Gardens as a “large recreational public park”, the Gardens have the functionality to fulfill their role within the meaning of the above definition insofar as;

- a. the Gardens holds a documented collection of living plants; and
- b. the Gardens applies the following uses to this collection;
  - the ongoing conservation of particular plant species, including species classed as being “rare”, “endangered” or “of concern” in their endemic habitat,
  - the interpretive display of plant collections according to type rather than by taxonomical grouping,
  - the provision of educational interpretive services through the use of interpretive plant labels and conducting guided tours.

### **PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

Application: Queensland ANZAC Centenary Grants Program (Round Three) – Restoration of Cenotaph Landscape (Parks & Recreation Committee 2 June 2015).

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Works will be undertaken through Parks workforce with specialist machinery being hired in where required.

The Parks 2015/16 capital budget includes an amount of \$250,000 for restoration of built infrastructure (Road/ Pathways/ bridges and car-parks) in the Botanic Gardens.

### **LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT**

Queensland Heritage Act 1992

The Land Act 1994

### **CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

Living, Learning and Leisure | Parks and Open Space

*Provide and maintain an open space parks network and recreation facilities, to meet community expectations and enhance community wellbeing*

Activity: Ensure botanical collections are maintained and developed

### **CONCLUSION**

The restoration of the botanical collection and infrastructure at Rockhampton Botanic Gardens requires a well-defined and managed approach which is based upon the Cultural Heritage significance of the elements and ensures recognition of the Gardens’ heritage whilst providing opportunities for the changing needs of the community and visitors.

The prioritisation and approach outlined in this report and attached table will allow the required work to be undertaken following sound principles and in a structured manner.

# **RESTORATION PLAN FOR ROCKHAMPTON BOTANIC GARDENS POST TROPICAL CYCLONE MARCIA**

## **Areas of Rockhampton Botanic Gardens**

**Meeting Date: 11 August 2015**

**Attachment No: 1**

## PART 5

# THE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY



### 5.0 ABOUT THE STRATEGY

#### 5.1 GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

The *Rockhampton Botanic Gardens Botanical Collection Management Strategy* covers the three traditional geographical precincts of the Gardens. These are;

- a) The Outer Gardens
- b) The Lower Gardens
- c) The Upper Gardens

The individual location of each precinct is shown below;



Fig. 107- The three traditional geographical precincts of the Gardens

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**Rockhampton Botanic Gardens – Botanical Collection Management Strategy**


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**5.2 SUB AREAS**

Each precinct is comprised of several sub areas;

| PRECINCT          | SUB AREAS  |
|-------------------|--|
| The Outer Gardens | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ann Street entry</li> <li>• Flowering tree lawn</li> <li>• Lassen Fernery</li> <li>• Old Office Garden</li> <li>• Palm Grove</li> <li>• Botanic Gardens Administration and Interpretive Centre</li> <li>• The Spencer Street entry</li> <li>• Sports Precinct</li> <li>• Undeveloped Penlington Street area</li> <li>• Zoo</li> </ul>                         |
| The Lower Gardens | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Experimental Garden</li> <li>• The Lagoon Bamboo</li> <li>• Lagoon Foreshore</li> <li>• Lower Rainforest</li> <li>• Old Nursery Area</li> </ul>   |
| The Upper Gardens | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arid Garden</li> <li>• The Banyan Figs</li> <li>• The Cenotaph and Cenotaph Lawn</li> <li>• The Japanese Garden</li> <li>• Japanese Garden Lawn</li> <li>• North-south Axis</li> <li>• Playground</li> <li>• Phyllis Street Entry</li> <li>• Tamarind Tree Line</li> <li>• The Pinetum</li> <li>• Tropical Fruit Arboretum</li> <li>• Upper Rainforest</li> </ul> |

## Rockhampton Botanic Gardens – Botanical Collection Management Strategy

The following figure shows the Cultural Heritage Conservation Value for each planted area comprising the Gardens' collection.

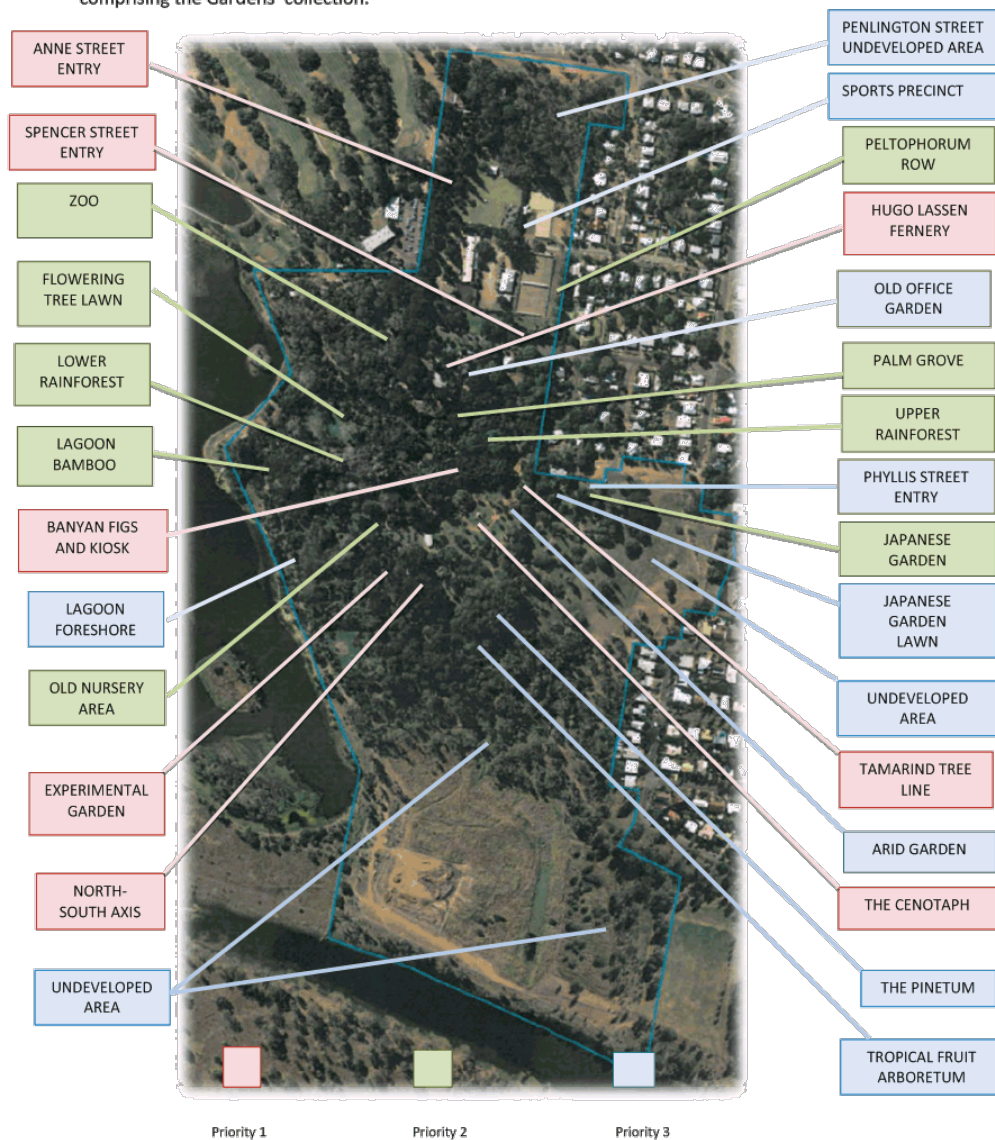


Fig. 112 - The conservation value of each of the Botanic Gardens' collections

# **RESTORATION PLAN FOR ROCKHAMPTON BOTANIC GARDENS POST TROPICAL CYCLONE MARCIA**

## **Restoration Areas and Approaches**

**Meeting Date: 11 August 2015**

**Attachment No: 2**

RBG Restoration: Table One

| Iconic (CHP*) | Area\Element                         | Approach  | Priority | Time Frame  | Comments\Notes   |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---|----------|---|--|
| Yes (One)     | Ann St – Bunya Avenue                | <p>Replacement of fallen trees through transplantation of existing juveniles and progeny propagated from seed.</p> <p>The Iconic nature of the avenue is sustained by focussing on the reinstatement of the section from Penlington St through to “The Black Gate”. The section from “The Black Gate” through to Lagoon Rd has undergone a significant change in utilisation over time and the current (&amp; expected future) use/s are not necessarily served by the exact replacement of the trees lost in that section.</p> | High     | Transplant <12 months. Balance as nursery stock reaches appropriate maturity. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 specimens at Northern extremity (Penlington St) <u>not</u> to be replaced due to proximity to Banyans</li> <li>Specimens lost (8) from section south of sliding gate (adjacent to Golf Club entrance) <u>not</u> to be replaced due to change in use/utilisation of that area.</li> <li>Tree movement currently being monitored through regular survey. Consideration to be given to utilisation of movement sensors where/if warranted.</li> </ul> |
| Yes (One)     | North/South Axis                     | <p>Replace losses with propagated stock to maintain feature avenue planting.</p> <p>Prior to TC Marcia only 10 palms remained. Although this represented a small number of the original avenue the planting intent remained quite clear. Restoring the five palms lost will help to ensure that the avenue is not lost in perpetuity. Future plans may include further restoration of this area.</p>  | High     | 0-2 years   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Avenue originally consisted of 36 Cuban Royal Palms (<i>Roystonea regia</i>) planted in a line running north-south across the frontage of what was (then) the developed area of the Botanic Gardens.</li> <li>Five mature Palms were lost on this avenue.</li> </ul>  |
| Yes (One)     | Spencer St Entry – Canariensis Palms | Replace with semi-advanced plants.  | Med      | 0-10 years  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These palms are believed to have been planted in the early 1930's and are considered to be at the upper end of their expected life-span. As with the Cenotaph Palms, replacement of the whole avenue is considered to be the most appropriate option.</li> </ul>  |

RBG Restoration - Table.docx



| Iconic (CHP*) | Area\Element                          | Approach   | Priority  | Time Frame                        | Comments\Notes   |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Yes (One)     | Cenotaph – Canariensis Palms          | Replace all with semi-advanced plants. The number of trees is crucial to the original planting design & intent.  | Very High | <12 months                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Canariensis palms surrounding the Cenotaph are now 90 years old making them fully mature in their life cycle.</li> <li>Replacement approved by Council June 2015. Grant sought from Qld ANZAC Centenary Funds (Round 3).</li> </ul>   |
| Yes (One)     | Banyan Figs (Kiosk)                   | Maintenance, structural & remedial pruning as required to maintain the health and vigour of the trees.   | High      | <12 months (paving) Then ongoing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paving at front of Kiosk planned for renewal during 2015/16 (capital allocated) which includes improvements in the surface treatment to provide a better environment for the tree,</li> <li>Trees at rear to be addressed in future years</li> </ul>  |
| Yes (One)     | Experimental Garden                   | Replace singularly or in groups to maintain significance of the plantings.<br><br>Marcots placed to propagate from remaining <i>Chaulmoogra anthelmintica</i> (Leprosy Tree) | High      | 0-2 years                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consists of remnant plantings from the economic botany experimental era of the Gardens, circa 1873 - 1890. It has a direct association with the development of the agricultural industry in early Queensland and is therefore of high cultural heritage significance.</li> <li>Replacement for <i>Dalbergia</i> being sourced.</li> </ul> |
|               | Phyllis St Entry                      | Replaces losses with plants which reflect the intent and maintain/ enhance the integrity of the collection.  | High      | 0-2 years                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Installation of props being investigated for <i>Enterolobium cyclocarpum</i> (Ear Tree).</li> <li>Plant <i>Eucalyptus deglupta</i> (Rainbow Gum) as replacements for the two Eucalypt species lost</li> </ul>   |
|               | Flowering Tree Lawn (Trees)           | No replacement planting to be undertaken in the immediate future.  | Low       | TBA                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area has a chronic record of tree anchorage failure. Questionable whether it is viable to keep this area as a tree-planted component of the Gardens' collection. Recommend that options for alternate use/s be considered (mid-long term)</li> </ul>  |
|               | Flowering Tree Lawn (Palm Collection) | Merge into the mainstream palm collection over time rather than maintain as an isolated population. Increased opportunities for interpretation.                              | Low       | 0-15 years                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propagate desirable specimens for subsequent planting in new location/s</li> <li>Transplant where suitable/economically viable</li> <li>Delete by attrition</li> </ul>  |

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| Iconic (CHP*) | Area\Element                             | Approach  | Priority | Time Frame | Comments\Notes   |
|---------------|--|---|----------|------------|--|
|               | Old Office Garden & Bromeliad Collection | Transplant/re-establish collection in Upper Rainforest.   | Med      | 0-10 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The biggest loss in this precinct was the Gardens' bromeliad collection. Those species which were not crushed by the fallen trees were fatally burned by direct sunlight.</li> </ul>  |
|               | Palm Grove Main Section                  | Replaces losses (over time) with plants which reflect the intent and maintain/enhance the integrity of the collection.            | Med      | 0-10 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The species lost in this section; <i>Caryota mitis</i> (Fishtail Palm), <i>Celtis sinensis</i> (Chinese Elm), <i>Cupressus spp.</i> (Cedar), <i>Pinus roxburghii</i> (Chir Pine) and <i>Roystonea regia</i> (Cuban Royal Palm) are all common species represented in other areas of the Gardens.</li> </ul>   |
|               | Lagoon Foreshore                         | Replace identified specimens from sourced and/or propagated stock to maintain feature plantings and representation of collection. | Med      | 0-10 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Bentinckia nicobarica</i> (Bentinck Palm) is classified by the IUCN as being endangered in its native habitats are <i>Caryota mitis</i>, <i>Elais guineensis</i> and <i>Livistona benthemii</i>.</li> <li><i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i> (Cocos Palm) is regarded in some areas as a <a href="#">potential weed species</a>. It is sufficiently represented in other areas of the Gardens. No replacement planned.</li> </ul>  |
|               | Old Nursery Area                         | Replace identified specimens from sourced and/or propagated stock to maintain feature plantings and representation of collection. | Med      | 0-10 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <i>Bombax ceiba</i> has since been remedially pruned and is expected to recover.</li> <li><i>Caryota maxima</i> (Giant Fishtail Palm) is not extensively represented in the Gardens with only three specimens remaining. These surviving specimens are known to be of considerable age as they appear as mature in photographs of the Gardens dating back to the 1930's. Several replacement specimens need to be grown from seed collected from the three surviving plants.</li> </ul> |

| Iconic (CHP*) | Area\Element             | Approach   | Priority | Time Frame | Comments\Notes   |
|---------------|--------------------------|--|----------|------------|--|
|               | Cenotaph Lawn            | Replace identified species although in a new location. A more open character in this area is expected to improve the aesthetic appeal.   | Med      | 0-10 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is proposed to incorporate those species lost (excluding palms) from the Cenotaph Lawn in a redesigned planting of the Japanese Garden. The species to be replaced possess qualities that are normally demonstrated in a Japanese Garden setting.</li> </ul> |
|               | Japanese Garden          | Develop a plan for renovation of plantings and built elements.   | Med      | 0-10 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concepts to be respectful of original designer (Kenzo Ogato).</li> <li>Currently no provision in forward Capital budget</li> </ul>  |
|               | Japanese Garden Lawns    | Replace losses to maintain feature plantings and representation of collection. Focus on coniferous trees which complement the adjacent Japanese Garden.  | Med      | 0-10 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four Eucalyptus species not to be replaced</li> </ul>   |
|               | Tropical Fruit Arboretum | Replaces losses like-for-like or with species of equal interest (edible fruit).  | Med      | 0-10 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Inga edulis</i> (Ice cream Bean) and <i>Citrus maxima</i> (Pomelo) were lost as a result of TC Marcia.</li> </ul>  |
|               | Upper Rainforest         | Take advantage of more open canopy to establish (relocated) bromeliad collection and augment with other understorey species such as <i>Adiantum</i> , <i>Cyathea</i> and <i>Dicksonia spp.</i> | Med      | 0-10 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The loss of the <i>Callitris arenosa</i> (Coastal Cypress) has opened what would be an otherwise over-crowded forest canopy and allowed sufficient light penetration to support understorey plantings.</li> </ul>   |
|               | Pinetum                  | No action planned at this time   | n/a      | n/a        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retention of part of this planting is important from a historical perspective and to serve this purpose ample Caribbean Pine specimens still remain despite the cyclone.</li> </ul>   |

\* CHP= Cultural Heritage Significance as per RBG *Botanical Collection Management Strategy 2015 (DRAFT)*

**11.7 ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS****File No:** 5827

**Attachments:**

1. Letter from ECQ advising Change Commission's determination of RRC Divisional Boundaries for 2016 Local Government Election
2. ECQ 2016 Local Government Elections Divisional Boundaries Review Report
3. Copy of ECQ Public Notice Advertisement for publication in Morning Bulletin on 1 August 2015
4. Map of ECQ Proposed Division 4 for 2016 Local Government Election
5. Map of ECQ Proposed Division 5 for 2016 Local Government Election
6. Map of ECQ Proposed Division 6 for 2016 Local Government Election
7. Map of ECQ Proposed Division 7 for 2016 Local Government Election
8. Map of ECQ Proposed Division 8 for 2016 Local Government Election
9. Map of ECQ Proposed Division 9 for 2016 Local Government Election
10. Map of ECQ Proposed Division 10 for 2016 Local Government Election

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**SUMMARY**

*Council has received correspondence from the Electoral Commission Queensland advising of the proposed new divisional boundaries for the 2016 Quadrennial Local Government Elections.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) THAT Council receive the proposed Electoral Commission Queensland Local Government Electoral Divisional Boundaries report; and
- 2) THAT Council writes to the Change Commissioner requesting that the Divisional Boundary between Divisions 5 and 7 be returned to the centre of the Fitzroy River for the 2016 Rockhampton Regional Council Quadrennial Local Government Election.

**COMMENTARY**

On 31 July 2015 the Electoral Commission of Queensland wrote to the Chief Executive Officer advising that the Local Government Change Commission review of the divisional boundaries for Rockhampton Regional Council had been completed in preparation for the 2016 Local Government Elections.

Council had provided 4 options to the Commission with Option 3 being the Council's preferred option.

The full report and the ECQ proposed divisional maps, along with correspondence are provided as attachments to this report.

Objections to the divisional boundaries are able to be lodged with ECQ up to the closing date of 5 pm, Friday 21 August 2015. ECQ placed a public notice advertisement in the Morning Bulletin on Saturday 1 August and also in the Government Gazette 31 July 2015.

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**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT**

Nil

**CONCLUSION**

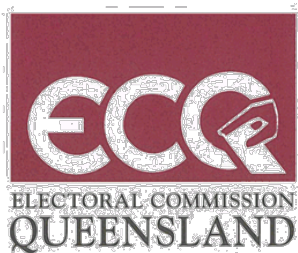
The review of Local Government Divisional Boundaries is a normal part of the lead up for Local Government elections.

## **ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

### **Letter from ECQ advising Change Commission's determination of RRC Divisional Boundaries for 2016 Local Government Election**

**Meeting Date: 11 August 2015**

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Dear Mr Pardon

**RE: Local Government Change Review – Review of Internal Division boundaries**

Today the Change Commission will release its proposed determination for public and Council feedback based on the Council's submission Option 3 with some changes. Two additional suggestions were received from the public.

The call for objections will be advertised in the Government Gazette on Friday 31 July and the Rockhampton Bulletin (Saturday 1 August). A copy of the ad is attached for your information.

Further information on the review process including the report and maps will be available on the Commission's website under Local Government Reviews later today.

A hard copy of the report will be forwarded by post.

We would appreciate Council's comments on the proposal.

The closing date for Objections is **Friday 21 August 2015 at 5.00pm.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gregory Rowe'.

Gregory Rowe  
Change Commissioner



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# **ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

## **ECQ 2016 Local Government Elections Divisional Boundaries Review Report**

**Meeting Date: 11 August 2015**

**Attachment No: 2**





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## FOREWORD

This booklet outlines the proposed determination for the redivision of electoral divisions within Rockhampton Regional Council.

The *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* (the Act) provides for a Local Government Change Commission (the Change Commission) to conduct the assessment phase of the boundary change process. The Act also provides for the Change Commission to be the appointed independent assessment body for boundary changes within the Rockhampton Regional Council area.

The Change Commission is made up of the Electoral Commissioner or a combination of the Electoral Commissioner, the Deputy Electoral Commissioner and a casual Commissioner. The Change Commission for this review is made up of:

- Mr Walter van der Merwe, Electoral Commissioner; and
- Mr Gregory Rowe, casual Commissioner (appointed on 13 November 2014 for three years by the Governor in Council).

On 2 April 2015 a reference was made to the Change Commission by the Deputy Premier Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade (See Appendix A).

For electoral purposes Rockhampton Regional Council is divided into seven electoral divisions. This booklet outlines the Change Commission's proposed determination for the boundaries of the divisions. It also sets out the reasons for the Change Commission's proposed determination. The Change Commission's proposals were adopted unanimously at a meeting held on Wednesday 22 July 2015. Both Commissioners were present.

Chapter 1 of this booklet provides an overview of the Change Commission's process for the proposed determination. Chapter 2 presents a summary of the council's submission. A more detailed outline of the proposed determination appears in Chapter 3, including maps of the proposed boundary changes which are in Appendix C.

In accordance with the Act, the Change Commission may conduct the review in any way that it considers appropriate. To this end, the Change Commission provided data on the current boundaries and enrolment statistics as sourced from the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) as at 23 February 2015. The Change Commission then called for suggestions. Three suggestions were received, two from the general public and the other from Council. These suggestions can be found in Appendix B of the report.

The Rockhampton Regional Council provided a written submission and maps on the 15 April 2015 to the Department of Local Government which was forwarded to the Commission. The Commission was appreciative of the Council in forwarding its submission for consideration.

The Commissioners would like to acknowledge the assistance provided by the staff of the Electoral Commission Queensland and extend their thanks to the Department of Treasury for the population projection figures.

**Walter van der Merwe and Gregory Rowe**

**Change Commission**

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**CHAPTER 1 – SUMMARY OF DETERMINATION PROCESS****INTRODUCTION**

The Rockhampton Regional Council has 52,197 electors. The Council is currently divided into seven electoral divisions. Each division elects one Councillor while the Mayor is elected by all voters in the local government area. Elections are set by date to be held every four years as prescribed by the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*. The next Rockhampton Regional Council election is scheduled for 19 March 2016.

The *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* (the Act) allows for changes to divisions in local government areas to ensure that each division has a reasonable proportion of electors. The Act defines "a reasonable proportion of electors" as the number of electors in Rockhampton Regional Council divided by the number of Councillors (excluding Mayor) plus or minus ten per cent.

Section 15 of the Act requires the council to review whether each of the divisions has a reasonable proportion of electors and give the Electoral Commissioner and the Minister a written notice of the results of the review no later than 1 March in the year that is one year before the year of the quadrennial elections. This is referred to in this report as the information date. The Council reported that two divisions (Divisions 4 and 10) did not meet the reasonable proportion of elector's requirements on 26 February 2015.

The Change Commission is proposing to accept the changes outlined in the submission from the Rockhampton Regional Council in their proposed Option 3 with additional changes between Divisions 4 and 5. The Change Commission also considered the renumbering of the Divisions.

**CALL FOR OBJECTIONS**

This booklet contains reasons, descriptions and maps for the seven divisions within the Rockhampton Regional Council. The proposals have been formulated by the Change Commission in accordance with the Act.

The Change Commission will consider all written objections concerning any of the proposed division boundaries or names of proposed divisions that are lodged no later than 5pm on Friday 21 August 2015.

All written objections may be hand delivered to Level 6, Forestry House, 160 Mary Street, Brisbane between the hours of 9am and 5pm (Monday to Friday) or sent via mail to:

Change Commission – Rockhampton Regional Council Redivision  
GPO BOX 1393  
Brisbane QLD 4001

Submissions may also be sent via email to:  
[rockhamptonregionalcouncilreview@ecq.qld.gov.au](mailto:rockhamptonregionalcouncilreview@ecq.qld.gov.au) or lodged by online form on the Commission website ([www.ecq.qld.gov.au](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au)).

The reasons, descriptions and maps contained in this booklet are for the Change Commission's proposed division boundaries, not the final boundaries. After objections are considered, the Change Commission will give notification of its final determination in accordance with Section 19 of the Act.

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**PROCEDURES FOR REDIVISION**

The Local Government Change Commission, as established under the Act, is empowered to consider whether changes are in the public interest. In doing so the Change Commission must consider whether changes are consistent with a local government related law, the views of the Minister about the changes and the matters outlined in the *Local Government Regulation 2012 Qld* (the Regulation).

The Regulation stipulates certain considerations for establishing the public interest in respect of external boundaries, namely that boundaries should:

- Have regard to communities of interest, generally:
  - Reflect local communities, the geographical pattern of human activities and the linkages between local communities;
  - Have a centre(s) of administration and service easily accessible to its population;
  - Ensure effective elected representation;
  - Not dissect properties; and
  - Follow the water catchment principle (catchments included in the local government they service);
- Assist planning (including population growth, operation of facilities and service provision); and
- Consider the need for joint arrangements (essentially resource sharing between local governments).

The timetable for the Rockhampton Regional Council redivision is as follows:

1. Call for suggestions - closed Friday 29 May 2015;
2. Change Commission Proposal – opens on Friday 31 July 2015;
3. Call for Objections to Proposal – closes at 5pm on Friday 21 August 2015;
4. Final Proposal and Report to Minister;
5. Implementation of the changes via Regulation as approved by the Governor in Council; and
6. New boundaries will come into effect at the 2016 Quadrennial Elections.

For the assistance of persons making suggestions, the Change Commission calculated an average enrolment per division for current boundaries of 7,457 electors on 23 February 2015.

Once public objections have closed and all objections been considered the Change Commission will formulate its final determination.

Decisions taken by the Change Commission are not subject to appeal.

**Technical Process**

Key to the redivision is elector count information sourced from the electoral roll organised around the smallest unit for the release of Census data known as a Statistical Area (SA1) utilised by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The Australian Electoral Commission, which maintains the electoral roll for Queensland pursuant to a joint roll agreement, provided statistics from the roll on numbers of electors in each SA1 in the area of the Rockhampton Regional Council on 23 February 2015. Projections of population movement were then applied to the SA1s using data provided by

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Queensland Treasury. Future dates for projections were set at 31 March 2016 (just after the next quadrennial election) and 28 February 2019 (the last opportunity before the information date preceding the March 2020 election).

**Table 1 – Enrolment, Projections and Averages**

|   | 23 February 2015 | 31 March 2016 | 28 February 2019 |
|---|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>Number of divisions</b>                          | 7                | 7             | 7                |
| <b>Enrolment</b>                                    | 52,197           | 53,211        | 55,905           |
| <b>Average electors per division</b>                | 7,457            | 7,602         | 7,986            |
| <b>Permitted Minimum Number (-10%) per division</b> | 6,711            | 6,841         | 7,188            |
| <b>Permitted Maximum Number (+10%) per division</b> | 8,202            | 8,362         | 8,785            |

**Table 2 – Summary of Enrolments for the Current Electoral Divisions**

| Division Name | Enrolment as at 23/02/2015 | (%) Deviation from Quota | Projected Enrolment as at 31/03/2016 | (%) Deviation from Quota | Projected Enrolment as at 28/02/2019 | (%) Deviation from Quota |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Division 4    | 9,365                      | 25.59                    | 9,752                                | 28.29                    | 10,943                               | 37.02                    |
| Division 5    | 7,787                      | 4.43                     | 7,860                                | 3.4                      | 7,943                                | -0.54                    |
| Division 6    | 6,894                      | -7.55                    | 7,011                                | -7.77                    | 7,306                                | -8.52                    |
| Division 7    | 6,967                      | -6.57                    | 7,016                                | -7.7                     | 7,224                                | -9.55                    |
| Division 8    | 6,763                      | -9.3                     | 6,873                                | -9.58                    | 7,068                                | -11.5                    |
| Division 9    | 7,738                      | 3.77                     | 7,941                                | 4.47                     | 8,544                                | 6.98                     |
| Division 10   | 6,683                      | -10.38                   | 6,758                                | -11.1                    | 6,877                                | -13.89                   |



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*Procedure for Making an Objection*

Persons wishing to make an objection in relation to any of the proposals in this document are requested to note:

- Objections must state the grounds of the objections and the facts and circumstances relied upon in support of the grounds;
- Only objections received before 5pm on Friday 21 August 2015 will be considered by the Change Commission in making its final determination.

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**CHAPTER 2 – COUNCIL SUBMISSION****SUMMARY**

The Rockhampton Regional Council presented a detailed submission using the current Change Commission's enrolment figures as at 23 February 2015.

The Council advised that two divisions (Division 4 and 10) do not comply with the quota specifications in Section 15 of the Act, at the information date of 30 January 2015. Division 4 is over the maximum allowable number of electors, while Division 10 is under the minimum. Council's entire proposal, including the four options that were considered is attached in Appendix B.

A summary of the Rockhampton Regional Council's preferred divisional boundary change proposal (Option 3) is discussed below and Table 3 details the results of the Council's redistribution modelled in the Change Commission boundary redistribution system.

**Division 4**

According to the Change Commission enrolment figures from 23 February 2015, Division 4 is currently outside the acceptable quota limits (25.59%). In the map submitted by Council, they have significantly adjusted the boundary between Division 4 and the neighbouring Division 6. Council proposed transferring the localities of Fairy Bower, Port Curtis, Depot Hill, Midgee, Bajool, Port Alma and Marmor in their entirety into Division 6 in order to bring it into quota. In doing so, this will unite the interests of the more remote communities currently within Division 4. These boundary changes are expected to see Division 4 lose 1,247 electors to Division 6.

**Adjustments:**

- Lose a large rural area that encompasses Fairy Bower, Port Curtis, Depot Hill, Midgee, Dunlop Island, Casuarina Island, Port Alma, Bajool and Marmor into Division 6.

The Change Commission figures show that on current enrolment with these changes Division 4 will move from +25.29% to +8.87%.

**Division 5**

The Council made only a minor change to the boundary with Division 7 to bring the line from the centre of the Fitzroy River to the southern foreshore to Lion Creek into Division 7. No electors are involved.

**Adjustments:**

- Minor adjustment from the centre of Fitzroy River to the southern foreshore between the boundary with Division 7 and Lion Creek.

The Change Commission figures show that on current enrolment with these changes Division 5 will remain at +4.43%.

**Division 6**

The aforementioned changes discussed in Division 4, also have a significant effect on Division 6. Council proposed extending the boundary south to include the localities of Fairy

Bower, Port Curtis, Depot Hill, Midgee, Bajool, Port Alma and Marmor. Council's suggestion would see approximately 1,247 electors be transferred into the division.

Council also made a minor adjustment to the boundary with Division 7 moving from the middle of the Fitzroy River to Victoria Parade. No electors are involved.

Adjustments:

- Gain a large rural area that encompasses Fairy Bower, Port Cutis, Depot Hill, Midgee, Dunlop Island, Casuarina Island, Port Alma, Bajool and Marmor from Division 4.
- Minor change with a small loss of area to Division 7 from middle of Fitzroy River to Fitzroy Street and along Victoria Parade.

The Change Commission figures show that on current enrolment with these changes Division 6 will move from -7.55% to +9.18%.

#### Division 7

Division 7 is currently within quota (-6.57%) and council proposed only minor boundary changes for Division 7. Council recommended changing the boundary alignment with Divisions 5, 6 and 8, extending the boundary to the edge of the Fitzroy River and along Victoria Parade and the foreshore of the river north to Lion Creek and south to Fitzroy Street. Council's proposal would see no electors moved into Division 7.

Adjustments:

- Small changes with boundary in the centre of the Fitzroy River from Fitzroy Street, along Victoria Parade and to the foreshore, north to Lion Creek into Division 7.

The Change Commission figures show that on current enrolment with these changes Division 7 will stay at -6.57%.

#### Division 8

According to current Change Commission figures Division 8 is only just within the acceptable quota (-9.3%). To ensure Division 8 remains in quota for the next quadrennial event, Council proposed increasing the number of electors in Division 8 by shifting the boundary between Division 8 and Division 10. The area of Koongal and Lakes Creek bound by Rockonia Road in the south, Thozet Road in west the property line in the north which extends into the Thozet Creek Road then follows the common locality boundary between Lakes Creek and Frenchville, contains approximately 684 electors who will be transferred from Division 10 into Division 8.

Further the Council proposed moving the Koongal area west of Thozet Road to Frenchmans Creek into Division 10 from Division 8 involving 257 electors.

There is also a minor boundary change with Division 7 as discussed above with no electors involved.

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**Adjustments:**

- Gains 684 electors from Division 10 which includes parts of Koongal and Lakes Creek, as well as significant rural/bushland area
- Loses 257 electors to Division 10 from Koongal west of Thozet Road.
- Minor adjustment in the Fitzroy River with Division 7 involving no electors.

The Change Commission figures show that on current enrolment with these changes Division 8 will move from -9.3% to -3.58%.

**Division 9**

According to Change Commission current enrolment figures Division 9 is within quota (3.77%). Due to the higher number of electors in Division 9 and the low numbers in Division 10, Council proposed transferring a portion of residential homes into Division 10. The area of Frenchville, west of Berserker Street between Moore's Creek in the north and Simpson Street in the south totalling 704 electors moves into Division 10.

In addition, Council proposed that an area of bushland in Norman Gardens containing no electors is moved into Division 9 from Division 10.

**Adjustments:**

- Gain Norman Gardens bushland area from Division 10 with no electors (deviating from Moore's Creek boundary to include Sublime Gifts)
- Lose residential area and approximately 704 electors along Moore's Creek, Berserker Street and Simpson Street to Division 10.

The Change Commission figures show that on current enrolment with these changes Division 9 will move from +3.77% to -5.67%.

**Division 10**

Based on Change Commission enrolment figures Division 10 is currently out of quota (-10.38%). Council has proposed changing the boundary between Division 10 and Division 9 as mentioned above, as well as the two aforementioned changes in the boundary between Divisions 8 and 10.

The change in the Division 9 and 10 boundaries will see Division 10 incorporate more of the locality of Frenchville to Moore's Creek. This boundary re-alignment will shift approximately 704 electors out of Division 9 and into Division 10. The proposed boundary changes between Division 10 and 8 will see Division 10 gain 257 electors in the Koongal area west of Thozet Road, but lose 684 electors to Division 8 in Koongal and Lakes Creek south to Rockonia Road and west to Thozet Road.

**Adjustments:**

- Gains 704 electors from Division 9 along Moore's Creek to Berserker Street and Simpson Street.
- Gains 257 electors from Division 8 in the Koongal area west of Thozet Road.
- Loses 684 electors to Division 8 in the Koongal and Lakes Creek area north of Rockonia Road and west to Thozet Road.

The Change Commission figures show that on current enrolment with these changes Division 10 will move from -10.38% to -6.66%

**Table 3 – Summary of Rockhampton Regional Council for the Proposed Electoral Divisions – Option 3**

| Division Name | Enrolment as at 23/02/2015 | (%) Deviation from Quota | Projected Enrolment as at 31/03/2016 | (%) Deviation from Quota | Projected Enrolment as at 28/02/2019 | (%) Deviation from Quota |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Division 4    | 8,118                      | 8.87                     | 8,474                                | 11.48                    | 9,615                                | 20.39                    |
| Division 5    | 7,787                      | 4.43                     | 7,860                                | 3.4                      | 7,943                                | -0.54                    |
| Division 6    | 8,141                      | 9.18                     | 8,289                                | 9.04                     | 8,634                                | 8.11                     |
| Division 7    | 6,967                      | -6.57                    | 7,016                                | -7.7                     | 7,224                                | -9.55                    |
| Division 8    | 7,190                      | -3.58                    | 7,314                                | -3.78                    | 7,518                                | -5.87                    |
| Division 9    | 7,034                      | -5.67                    | 7,221                                | -5.01                    | 7,808                                | -2.23                    |
| Division 10   | 6,960                      | -6.66                    | 7,037                                | -7.43                    | 7,163                                | -10.31                   |

The Change Commission assessed the suggestions provided by the Rockhampton Regional Council, as well as the two submissions from the general public in coming up with its proposed determination. The determination of the Commission is detailed in Chapter 3.

### CHAPTER 3 – PROPOSED DIVISIONS WITHIN THE ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Change Commission considered the submission put forward by the Rockhampton Regional Council and noted that the proposed changes:

1. address immediate concerns regarding divisions out of quota;
2. does **not** ensure that all divisions will be in quota for next year's election or future elections and
3. supports the principal of recognising communities of interest.

In light of the above, the Change Commission proposes accepting changes as suggested in the Rockhampton Regional Council's Option 3, as discussed in detail in Chapter 2. The Commission proposes making further changes to Division 4 and 5 to ensure that Division 4 remains in quota for next year's election. All other divisions (6, 7, 8, 9 and 10) remain as described in Chapter 2.

If the growth trends in the Rockhampton Regional Council continue as predicted in 2019, Council will need to consider a significant redivide prior to the 2020 election.

The public submission received from Mr Murphy in relation to keeping Division 7 together and not crossing the river is addressed by adopting Option 3 from the Council. The Commission's support for the Council's proposed changes to Division 10, meant that the submission from Mr Ponicke was unable to be supported by the Commission.

Table 4 below indicates the enrolments in the divisions following the Commission's finalisation of its proposal. Maps of the proposed divisions are in Appendix C and on the Commission's website.

**Table 4 – Summary of Rockhampton Regional Council for the Proposed Electoral Divisions**

| Division Name | Enrolment as at 23/02/2015 | (%) Deviation from Quota | Projected Enrolment as at 31/03/2016 | (%) Deviation from Quota | Projected Enrolment as at 28/02/2019 | (%) Deviation from Quota |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Division 4    | 7,891                      | 5.82                     | 8,247                                | 8.49                     | 9,388                                | 17.55                    |
| Division 5    | 8,014                      | 7.47                     | 8,087                                | 6.39                     | 8,170                                | 2.3                      |
| Division 6    | 8,141                      | 9.18                     | 8,289                                | 9.04                     | 8,634                                | 8.11                     |
| Division 7    | 6,967                      | -6.57                    | 7,016                                | -7.7                     | 7,224                                | -9.55                    |
| Division 8    | 7,190                      | -3.58                    | 7,314                                | -3.78                    | 7,518                                | -5.87                    |
| Division 9    | 7,034                      | -5.67                    | 7,221                                | -5.01                    | 7,808                                | -2.23                    |
| Division 10   | 6,960                      | -6.66                    | 7,037                                | -7.43                    | 7,163                                | -10.31                   |

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**PROPOSED DIVISIONS****Division 4**

The Change Commission has determined that Division 4 centred on Gracemere, Bouldercombe and Stanwell is growing too rapidly to stay in quota for next year's election based on its figures in Council's Option 3. To address this continuing growth, areas to the south, east and north of Mount Morgan will be moved into Division 5 to give a more realistic chance of the division staying in quota. A total of 227 electors are affected by the changes.

Localities involved include Boulder Creek, Walmul, Oakey Creek, Struck Oil, Leydon's Hill, Moongan, Nine Mile Creek, Wura and Fletcher Creek. The Commission is of the opinion that the electors in these areas share more of a community of interest with Mount Morgan, and will identify better with Division 5 as a large rural electorate.

Adjustments:

- Loses 227 electors to Division 5 to the south, east and north of Mount Morgan

The proposed Division 4 has enrolment figures that indicate a changed division that is currently 5.82% with it moving to 8.49% in 2016 and then 17.55% in 2019.

**Division 5**

Division 5 receives 227 electors from Division 4 as explained above from the areas surrounding Mount Morgan.

Adjustments:

- Gains 227 electors from Division 4 from the south, east and north of Mount Morgan

The proposed Division 5 has enrolment figures that indicate a changed division that is currently 7.47% with it moving to 6.39% in 2016 and then 2.3% in 2019.

**Division 6**

The proposed Division 6 has enrolment figures that indicate a changed division that is currently 9.18% with it moving to 9.04% in 2016 and then 8.11% in 2019.

**Division 7**

The proposed Division 7 has enrolment figures that indicate a changed division that is currently -6.57% with it moving to -7.7% in 2016 and then -9.55% in 2019.

**Division 8**

The proposed Division 8 has enrolment figures that indicate a changed division that is currently -3.58% with it moving to -3.78% in 2016 and then -5.87% in 2019.

**Division 9**

The proposed Division 9 has enrolment figures that indicate a changed division that is currently -5.67% with it moving to -5.01% in 2016 and then -2.23% in 2019.

**Division 10**

The proposed Division 10 has enrolment figures that indicate a changed division that is currently -6.66% with it moving to -7.43% in 2016 and then -10.31% in 2019.

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**RENUMBERING OF DIVISIONS**

The Change Commission considered the Council's request to renumber its divisions. It is proposed that:

- Division 10 becomes Division 1,
- Division 9 becomes Division 2,
- Division 8 becomes Division 3,
- Divisions 4, 5, 6 and 7 remain the same.



# **APPENDIX A**

## **Minister's Referral**

**Hon Jackie Trad MP**

Deputy Premier

Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure,  
Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade

Our ref: MBN15/49

**- 2 APR 2015**

Mr Walter van der Merwe  
Electoral Commissioner  
Electoral Commission Queensland  
GPO Box 1393  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Mr van der Merwe

I am writing to you in relation to local government electoral reviews which have been undertaken in preparation for the 2016 local government elections.

I have recently received proposals from 14 local governments seeking a review of their existing electoral arrangements.

The proposals include submissions in relation to the internal divisional boundary distributions where it has been determined that the divisional boundaries are out-of-quota. In addition, four of those local governments have submitted additional proposals for voluntary changes to their existing arrangements.

I note that, under section 19 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act), the Commission must consider whether the local government change is consistent with the Act and must consider my views on any proposed changes.

Having examined each of their proposals, I consider it appropriate to refer each matter to you for independent assessment and determination by the Local Government Change Commission.

For your reference, I have enclosed a summary of each divided local government's quota review, a copy of each proposal referred to you for review and additional supporting information to assist with your review.

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Email [deputy.premier@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:deputy.premier@ministerial.qld.gov.au)

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Max Barrie, Director, Program Implementation and Review on (07) 3452 6704 or [max.barrie@dlgcr.qld.gov.au](mailto:max.barrie@dlgcr.qld.gov.au), who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



**JACKIE TRAD MP**  
**DEPUTY PREMIER**  
**Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure,**  
**Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade**

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**DIVIDED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS – QUOTAS AND PROPOSED VOLUNTARY CHANGES**

| <b><u>Local Government</u></b>   | <b><u>Results of Review</u></b> | <b><u>No. of Divisions Out of Quota</u></b> | <b><u>Referral to Local Government Change Commission</u></b>   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Banana Shire Council             | Out-of-quota                    | 2   | Refer quota review   |
| Bundaberg Regional Council       | Out-of-quota                    | 2   | Refer:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• quota review</li> <li>• proposal to abolish divisions</li> <li>• proposal to incorporate unallocated area into local government area</li> </ul> |
| Cairns Regional Council          | Out-of-quota                    | 1   | Refer quota review   |
| Cassowary Coast Regional Council | In quota                        | 0   | No referral required   |
| Fraser Coast Regional Council    | Out-of-quota                    | 2   | Refer quota review   |
| Gold Coast City Council          | In quota                        | 0   | No referral required   |
| Gympie Regional Council          | In quota                        | 0   | No referral required   |
| Ipswich City Council             | Out-of-quota                    | 5   | Refer quota review   |
| Isaac Regional Council           | Out-of-quota                    | 2   | Refer quota review   |
| Logan City Council               | Out-of-quota                    | 1   | Refer quota review   |
| Moreton Bay Regional Council     | Out-of-quota                    | 2   | Refer quota review   |
| North Burnett Regional Council   | In quota                        | 0   | No referral required   |
| Redland City Council             | Out-of-quota                    | 1 (out) and 1 (predicted)                   | Refer both quota reviews   |
| Rockhampton Regional Council     | Out-of-quota                    | 2   | Refer:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• quota review</li> <li>• proposal to renumber divisions</li> </ul>   |
| Scenic Rim Regional Council      | Out-of-quota                    | 1 (out) and 1 (predicted)                   | Refer both quota reviews   |
| South Burnett Regional Council   | In quota                        | 0   | No referral required   |
| Sunshine Coast Regional Council  | Out-of-quota                    | 2   | Refer quota review   |
| Tablelands Regional Council      | Out-of-quota                    | 3   | Internal boundary review plus additional voluntary change proposal to increase councillor numbers already referred to Change Commission on 16 December 2014.                                       |
| Townsville City Council          | Out-of-quota                    | 2   | Refer quota review   |
| Whitsunday Regional Council      | Out-of-quota                    | 1   | Refer quota review   |

# **APPENDIX B**

**Council Submission**

**Public Submissions**



Rockhampton Office  
232 Bolsover St, Rockhampton  
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15 April 2015

Hon Jackie Trad MP  
Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government  
and Planning  
PO Box 15009  
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Minister

**Electoral Arrangements – 2016 Quadrennial Local Government Elections**

I refer to previous correspondence in relation to this matter and advise that, at its meeting on 14 April 2015, Council resolved as follows in relation to the conduct of the 2016 local government elections:

*"THAT Council writes to the Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning to request that the Minister consider that the 2016 Rockhampton Regional Council Local Government Election be conducted by way of a full Postal Vote election."*

At the meeting on 14 April 2015, discussions were also held regarding boundary alterations, and Council resolved as follows:

*"THAT Council receives the report and resolves to provide the information contained in the report and attachments to the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and the Electoral Commission Queensland, that the Council considers Option Number 3 be the preferred Divisional Boundaries for the Rockhampton Regional Council Electoral Divisions."*

A copy of the report and attachments as referred to above are included with this letter. As per resolution, Option Number 3 is Council's preferred option.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office on 4936 8278 if you require additional information.

Yours faithfully

Bob Holmes  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

cc: Electoral Commission Queensland  
Mr Stephen Johnston, Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning



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## CONFIDENTIAL ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

14 APRIL 2015

**17.3 ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS 2016 QUADRENNIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION****File No:** 5827

- Attachments:**
1. Table showing elector numbers per proposed Divisional Electoral options
  2. Proposed Electoral Divisions - Option 1
  3. Proposed Electoral Divisions - Option 2
  4. Proposed Electoral Divisions - Option 3
  5. Proposed Electoral Divisions - Option 4
  6. Indicative Cost to run 2016 Local Government Election for Rockhampton Regional Council
  7. Response from Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government & Planning

**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Shane Turner - Manager Governance Support

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

**SUMMARY**

*This report provides further information to be submitted to both the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and the Electoral Commission Queensland regarding Electoral Arrangements for the 2016 Local Government Elections.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION****THAT:**

1. Council receives the report and resolves to provide the information contained in the report and attachments to the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and the Electoral Commission Queensland, that the Council considers Option Number \_\_\_ be the preferred Divisional Boundaries for the Rockhampton Regional Council Electoral Divisions; and
2. Council writes to the Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning to request that the Minister consider that the 2016 Rockhampton Regional Council Local Government Election be conducted by way of a full Postal Vote election.

**COMMENTARY**

Following the Performance and Services Committee meeting on 24 February 2015 the Chief Executive Officer has written to the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning regarding the minor boundary anomalies created by the re-formation of Livingstone Shire Council and the request for the Department to consider the wider boundary issues between Rockhampton Regional Council and Livingstone Shire Council for the localities of Glenlee, Glendale and Rockyview.

Council also contacted the Electoral Commission Queensland requesting the latest electoral statistics for the Rockhampton Regional Council Area, primarily as a result of advice received from the Department that 2 of Council's Electoral Divisions were Out of Quota. This advice requires Council to assess its divisional electoral boundaries and provide a recommendation to the Department on how Council desires the anomalies be rectified.

To make an informed decision Council sought the most up to date statistical area data available from the Electoral Commission of Queensland.

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14 APRIL 2015

Council received the Statistical Area data from the Electoral Commission Queensland for the Rockhampton Regional Council area. This data provides the number of electors in each Statistical Area data set as at 23 February 2015. Each of Council's Seven Divisional Electorates is comprised of many individual Statistical Area data sets. We have analysed the data provided and propose 4 Options for Divisional boundary changes as detailed in the attachments for the Council's consideration.

The changes were presented to Councillors in the workshop on 30 March 2015 and at a further meeting with the Chief Executive Officer on 7 April 2015. The Councillors' comments from these meetings have contributed to the Divisional Boundary options for the 7 Divisional Electorates attached to this report.

Council received a response from the Minister of Infrastructure, Local Government & Planning on 2 April 2015 which is attached to this report.

The Chief Executive Officer has also written to the Electoral Commission of Queensland requesting separate quotations for the cost of conducting the 2016 Quadrennial Local Government Election by either Postal Vote or Attendance Vote at a polling booth. Council has received these quotations from the Electoral Commission Queensland.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Performance and Services Committee meeting on 24 February 2015, Council passed a number of resolutions in regard to the Electoral Arrangements Report submitted to the Committee for consideration. This report deals with part b. of the resolution reprinted below.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

*THAT Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and the Electoral Commissioner Queensland to advise that:*

- a. Rockhampton Regional Council is to remain divided;*
- b. A number of divisions are out of quota and Council are unable to conduct a review in accordance with section 16 of Local Government Act 2009 as the information on the number of electors for each division has not been supplied from the Electoral Commission of Queensland. Council requests the information on the number and distribution of electors as soon as possible, so that Council can undertake the review and provide the results of the review to the Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Electoral Commissioner Queensland;***
- c. Rockhampton Regional Council continues to comprise of seven (7) divisions represented by one Councillor per division.*

**PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

Council passed the following resolutions at the Performance and Services Committee meeting of 24 February 2015.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**THAT Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and the Electoral Commissioner Queensland to advise that:**

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- b. A number of divisions are out of quota and Council are unable to conduct a review in accordance with section 16 of Local Government Act 2009 as the information on the number of electors for each division has not been supplied from the Electoral Commission of Queensland. Council requests the information on the number and distribution of electors as soon as possible, so that Council can undertake the review and**



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**CONFIDENTIAL ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA****14 APRIL 2015**

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provide the results of the review to the Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Electoral Commissioner Queensland;

- c. Rockhampton Regional Council continues to comprise of seven (7) divisions represented by one Councillor per division.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

THAT Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and the Electoral Commissioner Queensland to advise that Rockhampton Regional Council recommends that the Council Division number be renumbered.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

THAT Rockhampton Regional Council requests a quotation or indicative cost from the Electoral Commissioner Queensland to conduct the 2016 election for either a polling booth election or a postal vote election.

**CONCLUSION**

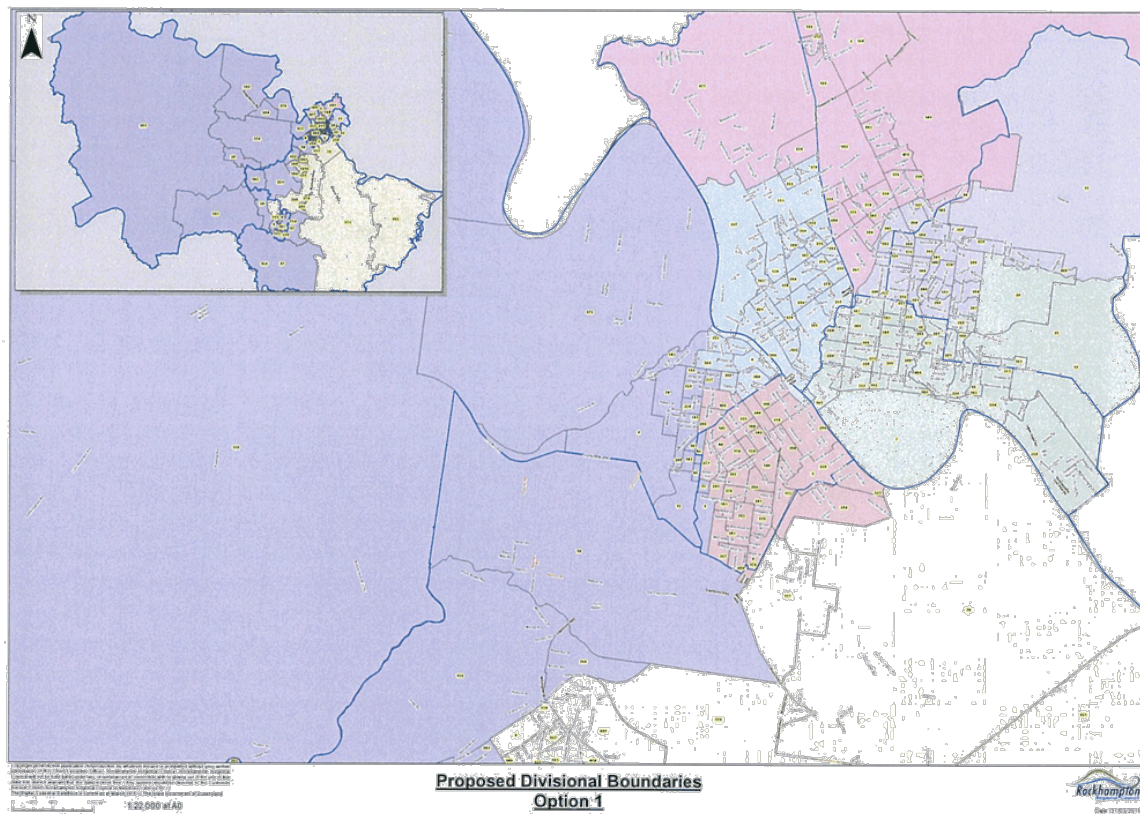
Local Government Divisional Electoral Boundaries:

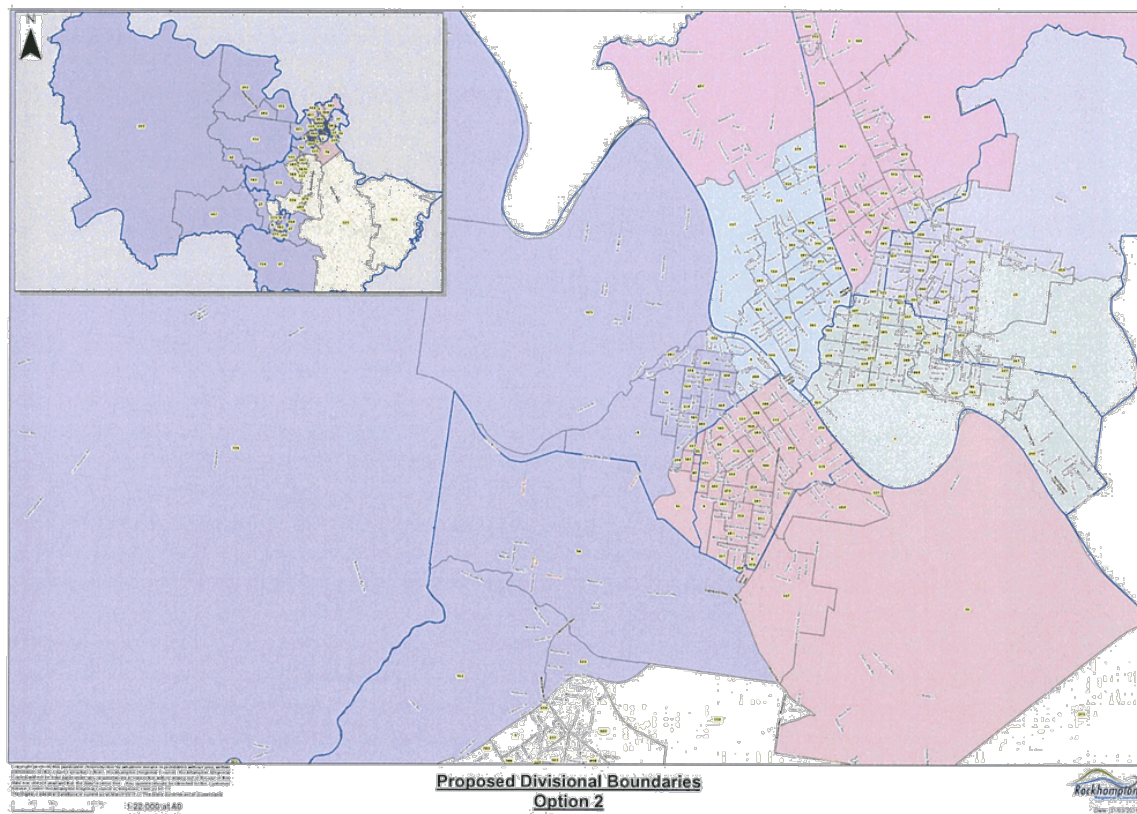
Following advice from the Department that Council's divisional boundaries are out of quota and therefore require action be taken prior to the 2016 Local Government Elections to bring the Council electoral divisions within the divisional quota criteria, Council officers prepared a number of Divisional Boundary options for Council consideration.

Four options have been prepared for this report and these options have been provided to the Councillors to consider. Council is able to accept one of the options to recommend to the Minister or may alter any of the options they choose. Should Council choose to alter an Option all of the Electoral Divisions need to have between 6711 and 8201 electors.

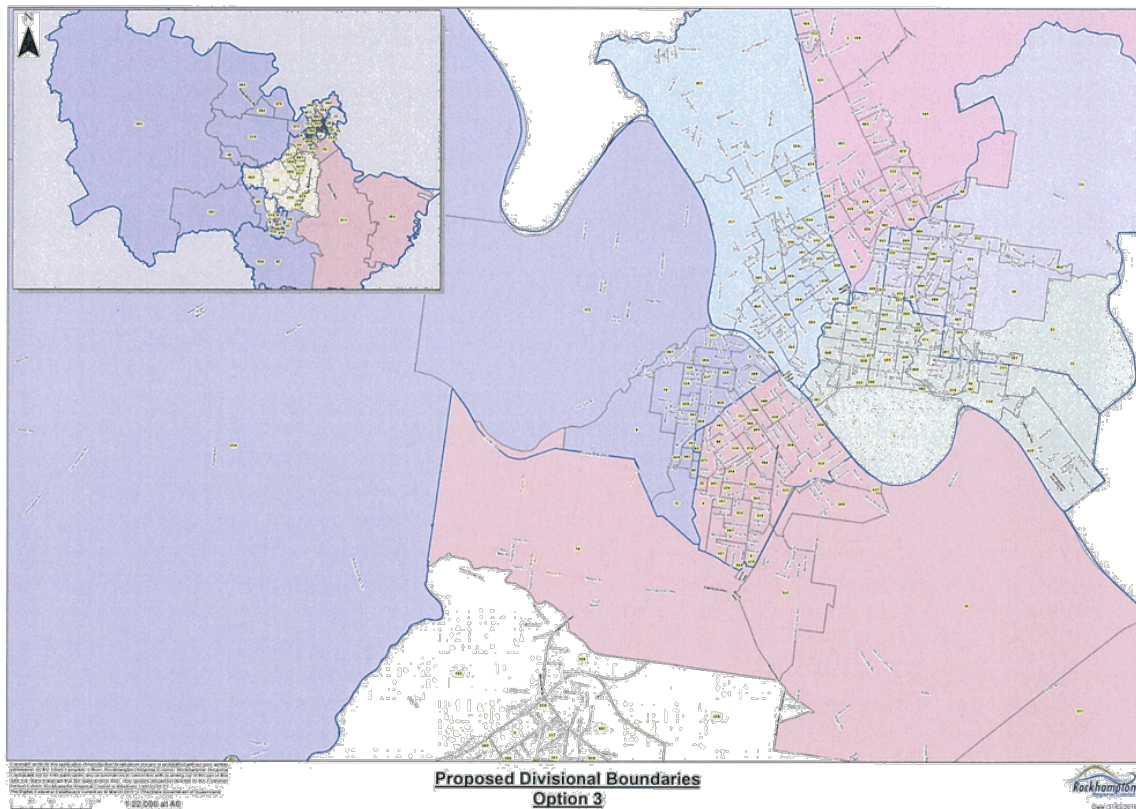
Methods available for Conduct of 2016 Local Government Election:

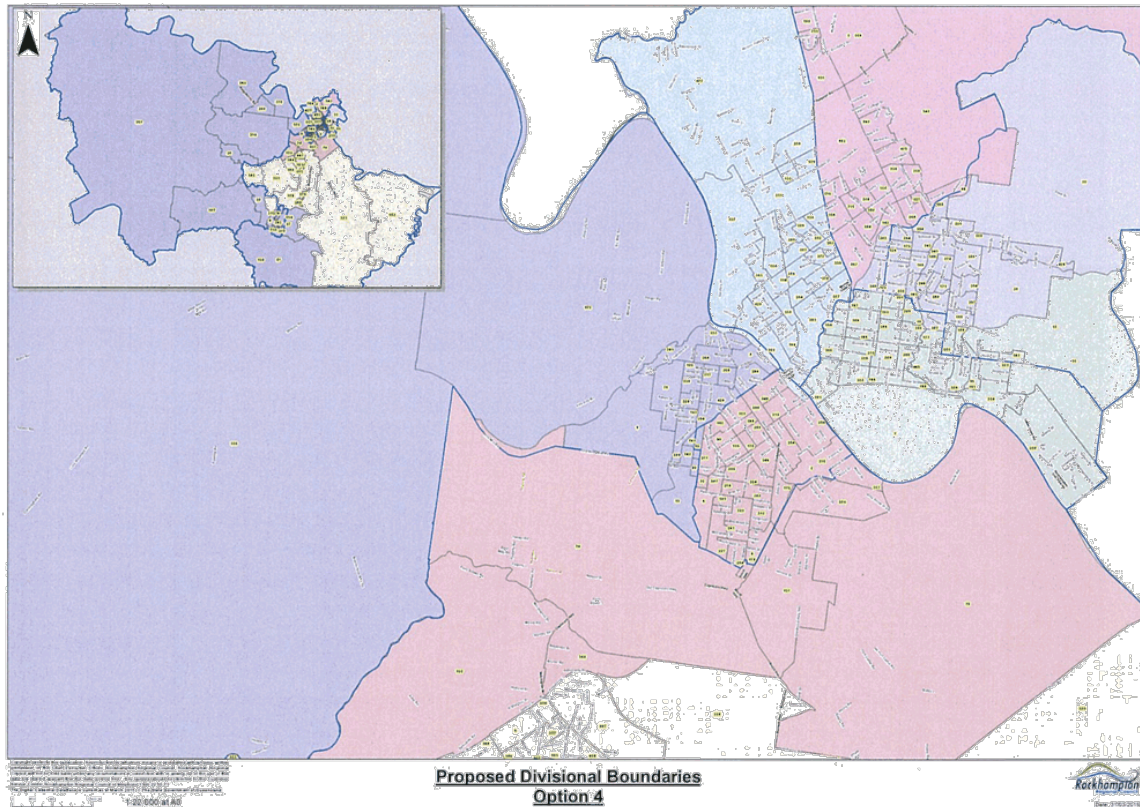
Council is able to request that the Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government & Planning consider the use of Postal Voting as the Council's preferred method for the conduct of the 2016 Rockhampton Regional Council Local Government election. Council has received indicative costs from Electoral Commission Queensland for the conduct of the next Local Government election. Council asked for a comparison of the costs difference between an Attendance Polling Booth election and a Full Postal Vote election. Council has received the indicative costs for each of the options and the information provided is an attachment to this report.











Please find attached as requested the four Divisional Boundary options. Below is the elector numbers by Council division for the current and proposed divisional options.

| Electoral Division | Starting point Electors | Option 1 Electors (Presented Workshop) | Option 2 Electors | Option 3 Electors | Option 4 Electors |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Division 4         | 9365                    | 7245                                   | 7445              | 7943              | 7938              |
| Division 5         | 7745                    | 7632                                   | 8054              | 8060              | 8060              |
| Division 6         | 6896                    | 7915                                   | 7927              | 8040              | 8045              |
| Division 7         | 6962                    | 7498                                   | 7105              | 6965              | 6965              |
| Division 8         | 6783                    | 7671                                   | 7671              | 7199              | 7199              |
| Division 9         | 7720                    | 6918                                   | 6932              | 7036              | 7036              |
| Division 10        | 6664                    | 7313                                   | 7060              | 6951              | 6951              |

Minimum number of electors allowed in a Division: 6711.  
Maximum number of electors allowed in a Division: 8201

**Ref: Rockhampton Regional Council**

21 May 2015

Change Commissioner  
Local Government Change Commission  
GPO Box 1393  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

rockhamptonegionalcouncilreview@ecq.qld.gov.au

This submission wishes to make several important points in support of the boundaries of Division 7 being retained as they are.

Presently the Division is contained within the clearly defined, natural borders of Ramsey Creek in the North; Moore's Creek in the South; Yaamba Road (principally the Bruce Highway) in the East and the Fitzroy River in the West.

There is significant capacity for population growth within these exiting boundaries thereby ensuring the existing boundaries could remain constant.

The Old Glenmore Estate was developed during the 1980's and in more recent years there has been steady population growth in the nearby Riverside Estate, which is ongoing.

There is also growth in housing development in the new Edenbrook Estate which is north of the Old Glenmore Estate. Also, a significantly larger housing development, commonly known as the "Stockland development" has been approved for some time on nearby land adjoining the Bruce Highway. Relying on data already available in the public domain the Council projects the future combined growth of both developments will see the population of this area grow by some 7000 within the next 10 years or thereabouts. This submission argues that it would best suit the purposes of efficiency to maintain the existing boundaries so as to accommodate this future growth without having to put the community through the disruption of future changes.

**Clearly, maintaining the present boundaries as they are, offers a logical and less disruptive alternative to, say, taking part of the constituency across the Fitzroy River.**

Presently, the greater part of Division 7 is made up of the homogenous communities of Park Avenue and Kawana. An alteration to the current boundaries would arguably jeopardize the strong community of interest which exists here.

The communities within Division 7 are meshed together by roads and Streets of major significance. These include: Alexandra Street, which when joined with Belmont Road and Hinchliffe Street stretches from the northern boundary to the southern boundary. Similarly,

Main Street, Park Avenue stretches from the eastern boundary to the western boundary, as do Richardson Road and Farm Street.

Division 7 has numerous schools providing preschool, prep, primary and high school education to local children.

There are well established local shops in Main Street Park Avenue and Richardson Road, Kawana. The Park Avenue Post Office in Main Street has been in continuous operation since the earliest days of settlement post-World War 1. Many residents, particularly the significant numbers of older residents, rely on the services this facility provides.

In conclusion, in asking that the present boundaries of Division 7 remain the same, this submission relies on the fact that there are presently well defined natural boundaries. The present boundaries provide for significant future growth in population and, finally, alteration of the boundaries would have a disruptive influence on the communities contained within the Division.

In closing, and on a more personal note, I ask that the Commission take into consideration that I, the submitter, am the Managing Director of the JM Kelly Group of Companies, a firm that is based in Park Avenue which employs some 400 local staff. I have lived in Park Avenue for the past 54 years, I am a very active member of our local community and I care passionately about its future.

Would you please be so kind as to give favourable consideration to what I have submitted.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



Geoff Murphy



**ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL**

Change Commissioner,  
Local Government Change Commission  
GPO Box 1393, BRISBANE, QLD 4001

I would like to make my suggestions for the expansion of the council division that I reside in as part of the Rockhampton Regional Council. My current division (Division 10) is bounded by the Berserker Mountains in the east, Rockonia Road in the south to Moore's Creek in the north and Berserker and Dean Street to the west. I note that this division has been deemed as under quota. I would hate to think that this will see this hillside council division being carved up and losing its hillside identity.

I would like to suggest to the electoral commission that to increase the population of Division 10 this division be expanded to the north so it bounds Yeppoon Road, Norman Road, Foulkes Street and to follow the hillside towards Moore's Creek to take in the Sanctuary Estate, which takes in the streets bounded by German Street, Sunset Drive, Haven Court and Retreat Avenue. The SA Boundary number of 3121308.

I believe that this would see an adequate number of eligible voters to meet the Electoral Commissions required quota. This would also allow an increasing population as the new estate areas develop.

I would like to thank the Electoral Commission to place my proposal and again highlight my concern that a carve up of Division 10 would not be in the best interest of the people currently residing in the division.

Respectfully

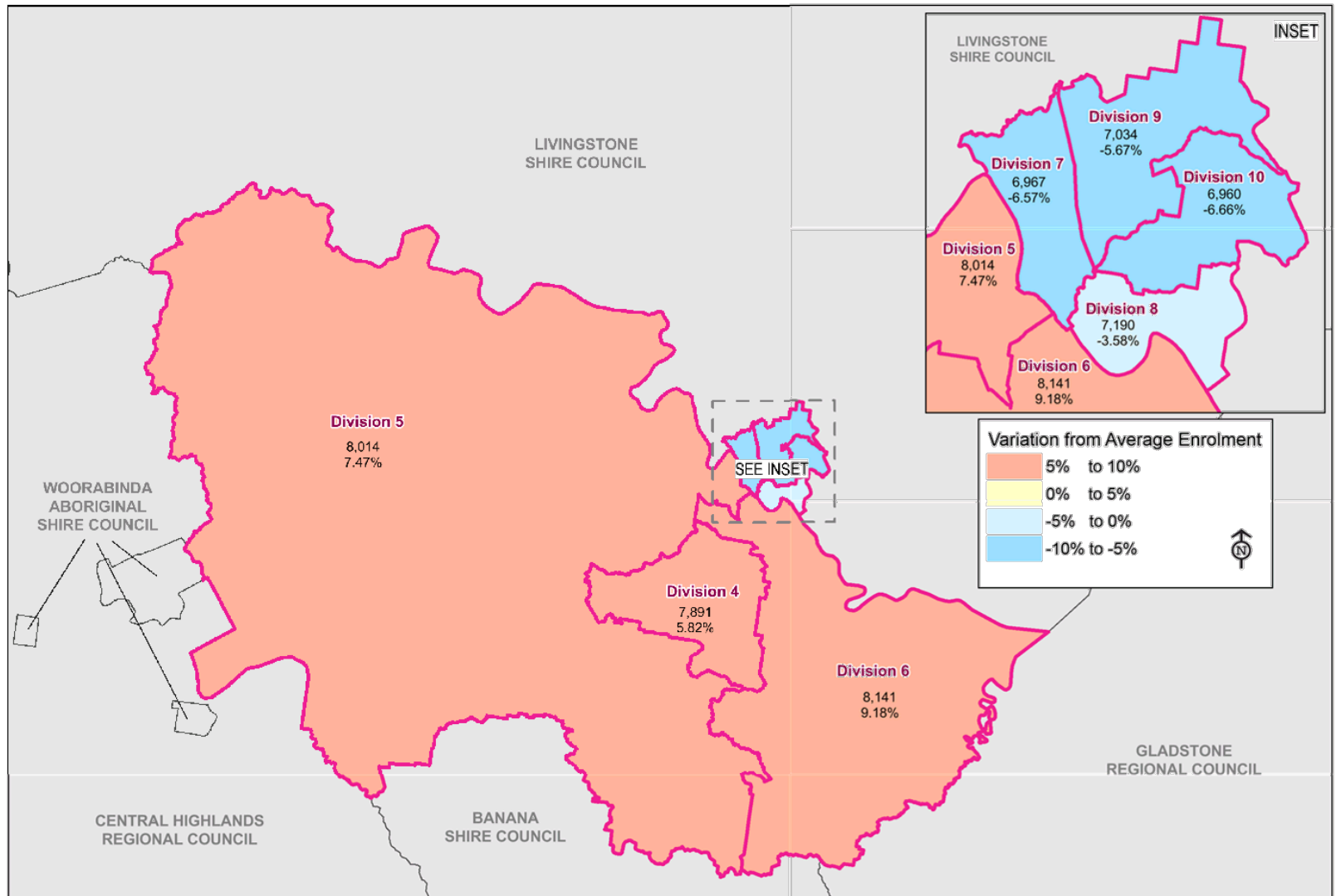


Tony Ponick

# **APPENDIX C**

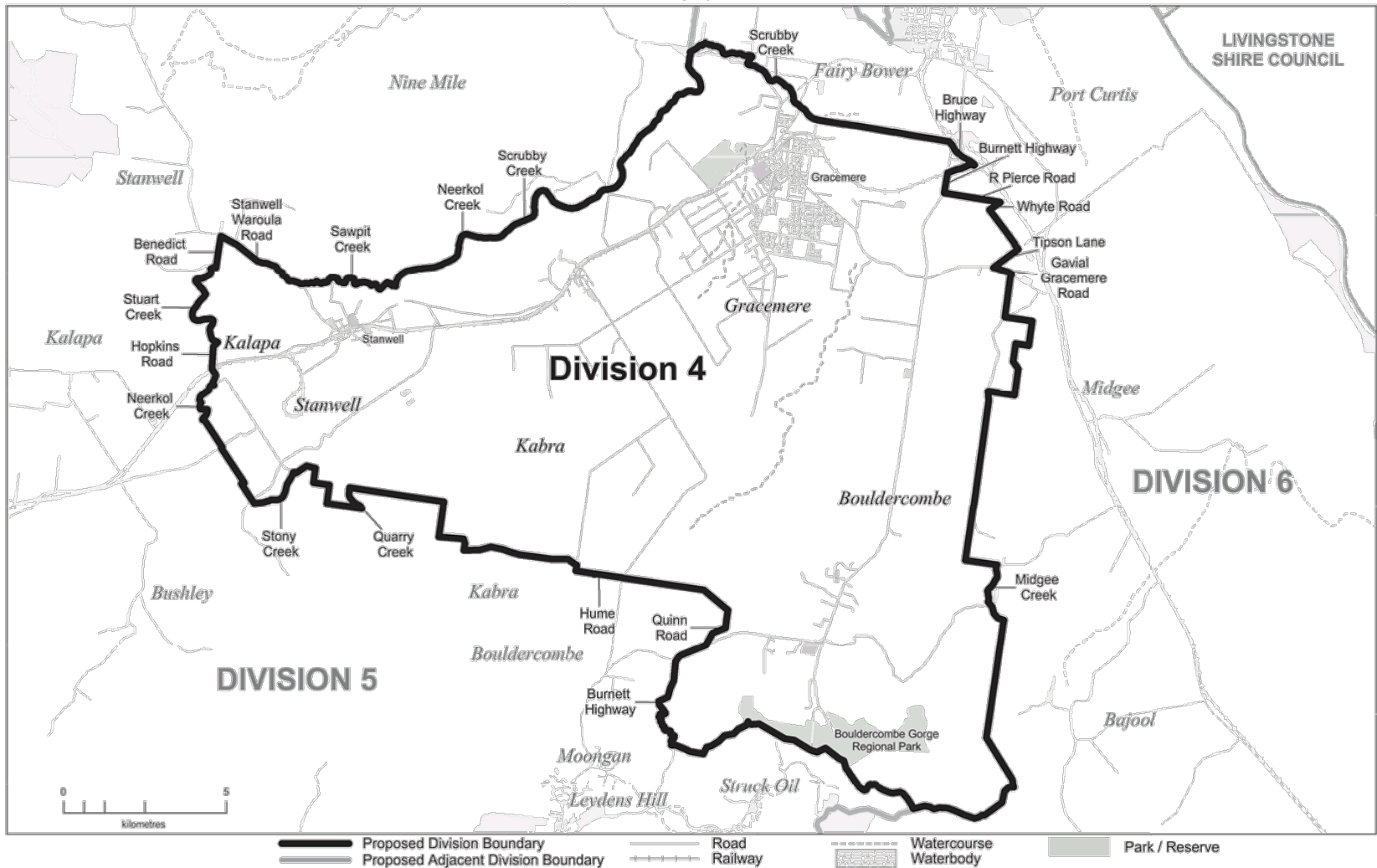
## **Maps**

# ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL COUNCIL PROPOSED DIVISION BOUNDARIES



# 2015 PROPOSED DIVISIONAL BOUNDARIES

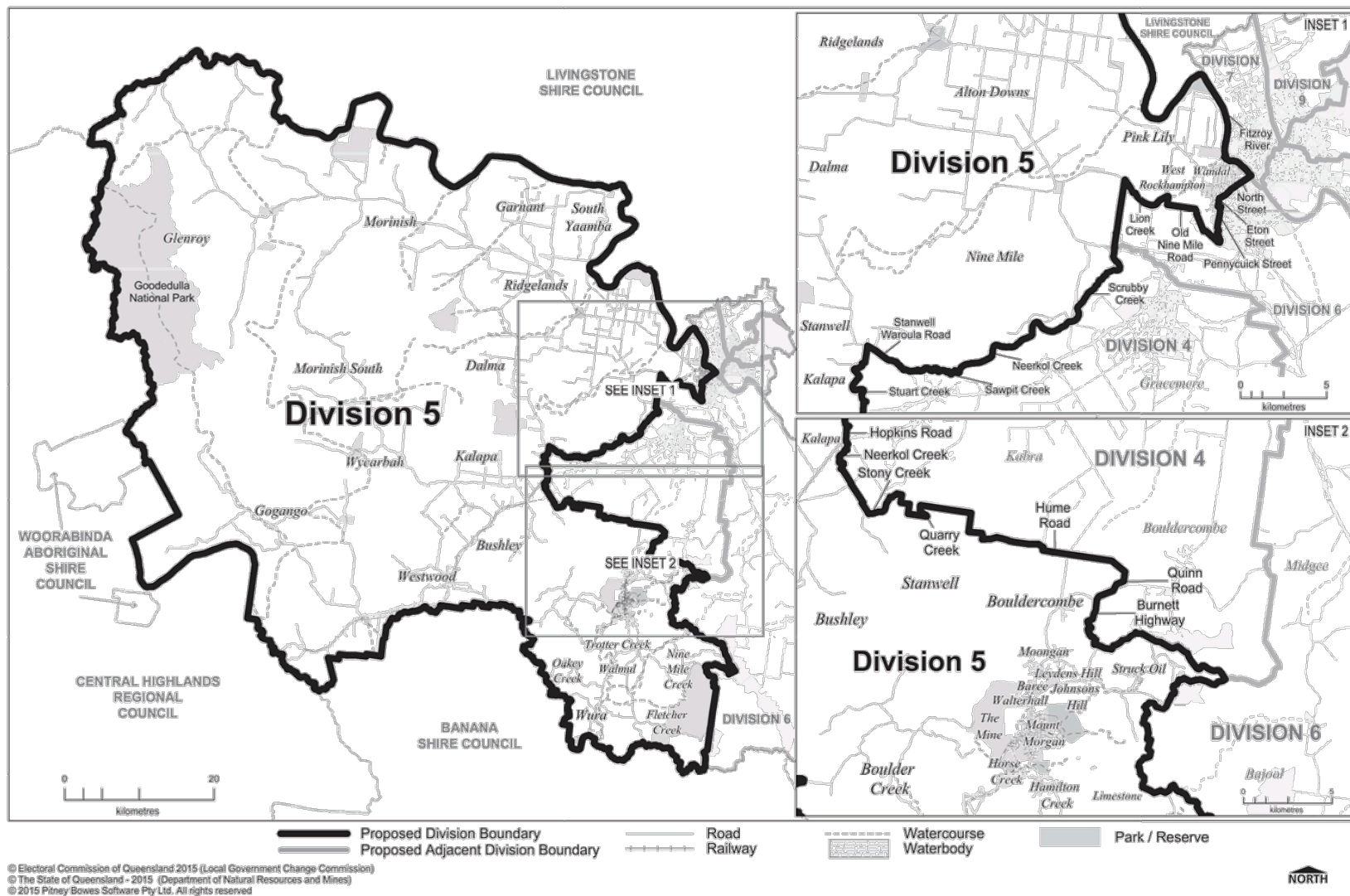
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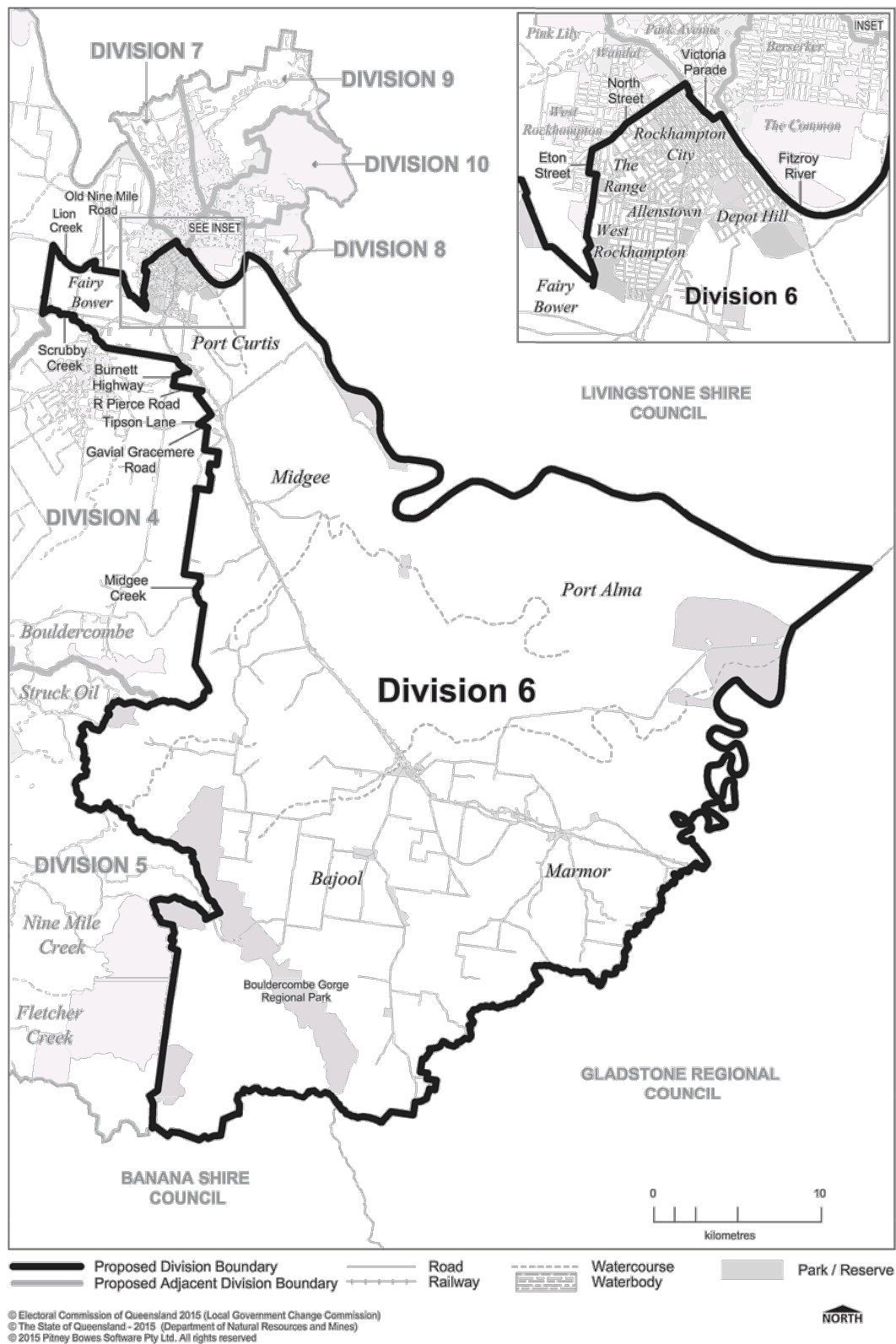
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## DIVISION 5



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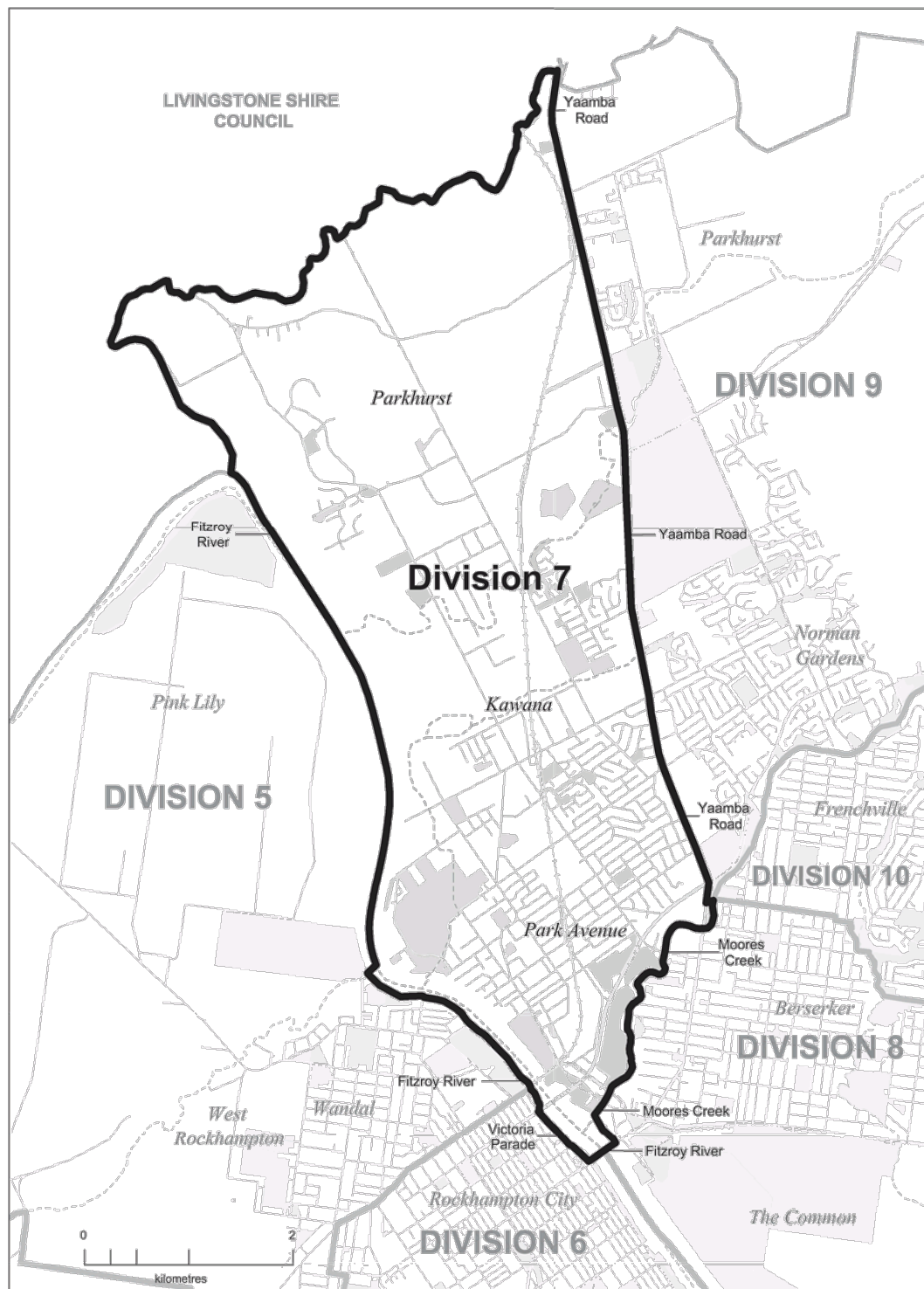
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## 2015 PROPOSED DIVISIONAL BOUNDARIES

## DIVISION 7

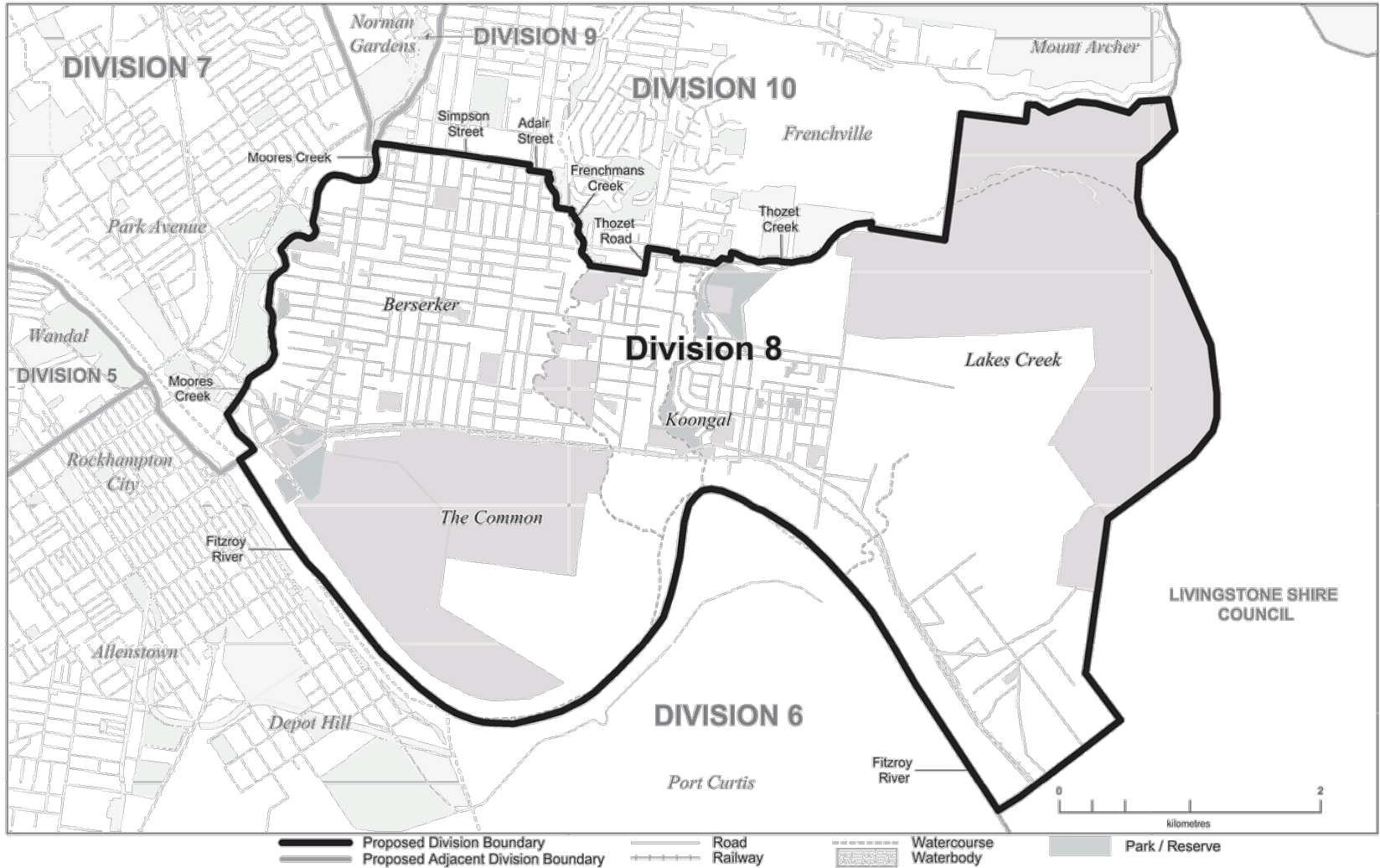


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## DIVISION 8

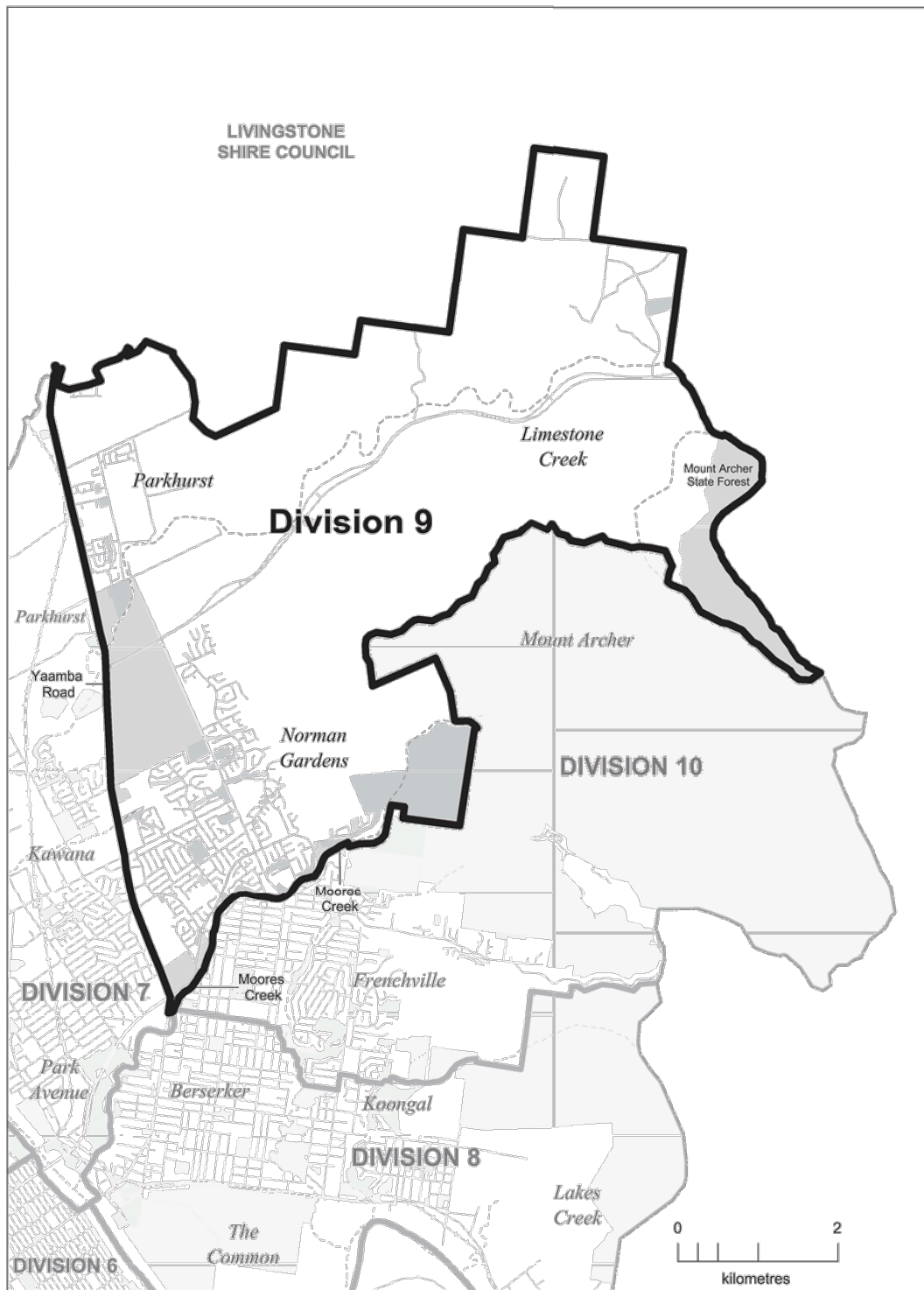


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## 2015 PROPOSED DIVISIONAL BOUNDARIES

## DIVISION 9



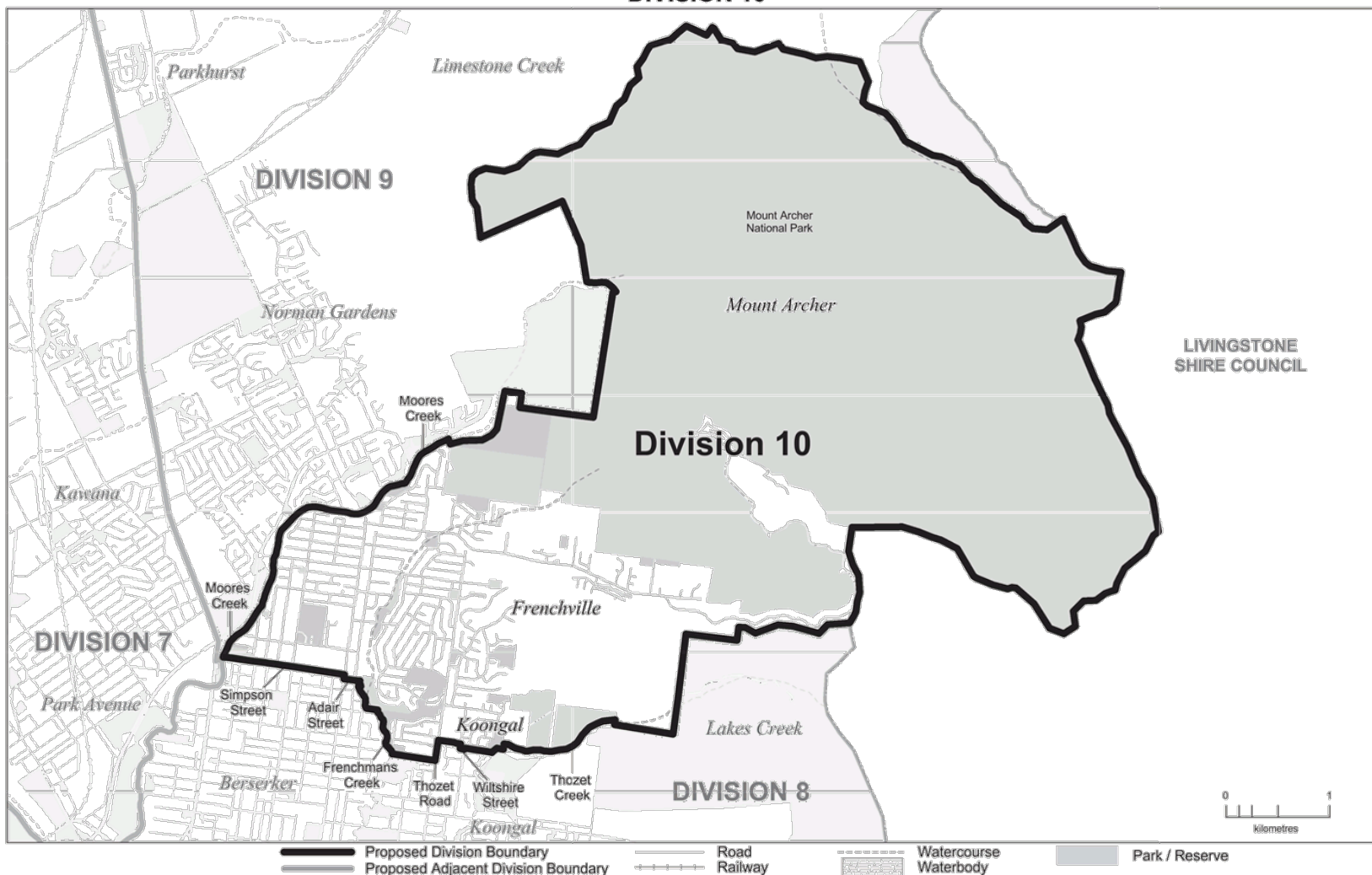
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NORTH

# 2015 PROPOSED DIVISIONAL BOUNDARIES

## DIVISION 10



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## **ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

**Copy of ECQ Public Notice  
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Morning Bulletin on 1 August 2015**

**Meeting Date: 11 August 2015**

**Attachment No: 3**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGE COMMISSION**  
**ROCKHAMPTON**  
**REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**INVITATION FOR OBJECTIONS TO**  
**THE PROPOSAL**

The Rockhampton Regional Council has advised that its electoral divisions no longer meet the quota requirements set down in the *Local Government Act 2009* (Act). The Minister responsible for Local Government has in turn referred the matter to the Local Government Change Commission for an independent assessment.

The Commission now invites written objections from interested persons and bodies relating to the council's proposed seven electoral divisions, to be lodged on or before **5.00pm Friday 21 August 2015**.

For this phase of the review, the enrolment for Rockhampton Regional Council as at 23 February 2015 is being used. The total enrolment was 52,197. The Commission has determined that 7,457 is the reasonable proportion of electors for an electoral division. Section 17 of the Act requires the Commission to ensure that the number of enrolled electors in all divisions does not differ from this reasonable proportion by  $\pm 10\%$ . In order to meet the enrolment criteria set out in the Act, the number of electors in each division must be within the minimum of 6,711 and the maximum of 8,202. Furthermore, the Act requires that the reasonable proportion of electors must be worked out as near as practicable to the time when the change is to happen to ensure demographic representation for each division of Rockhampton Regional Council. Projected enrolment for March 2016 and February 2019 has been used to assist with this requirement.

Further information about the review process, reference material, maps, guidelines and advice on preparing objections to the proposal may be found on the Electoral Commission Queensland (ECQ) website ([www.ecq.qld.gov.au](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au)); under ELECTORAL DISTRICTS then LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS then LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEWS then click Rockhampton Regional.

Anyone interested in lodging an objection should note that all objections will be published on the Commission's website in their entirety and in a publication.

Objections should be marked ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL and may be:

- posted to: Local Government Change Commission, GPO Box 1393, BRISBANE, QLD 4001 or

- personally delivered to:

Electoral Commission Queensland, Level 6, Forestry House,  
160 Mary Street, Brisbane, between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm or

- lodged by email to: [rockhamptonregionalcouncilreview@ecq.qld.gov.au](mailto:rockhamptonregionalcouncilreview@ecq.qld.gov.au) or

- lodged via online form:

Which can be found on the ECQ website ([www.ecq.qld.gov.au](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au)) under ELECTORAL DISTRICTS then LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS then LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEWS then click on Rockhampton Regional and scroll to the bottom of the Proposed Determination Section.

It would assist the Commission if anyone intending to submit objections accompanies them with the electronic mapping data if this has been prepared, preferably in MapInfo and/or KML format in projection GDA94 – Longitude/Latitude (Australia GDA94).

**For any assistance related to the review matter please refer to the Commission's website, or contact the Commission on 1300 881 665 for assistance.**

Walter van der Merwe

**Change Commissioner**

**Electoral Commission of Queensland**

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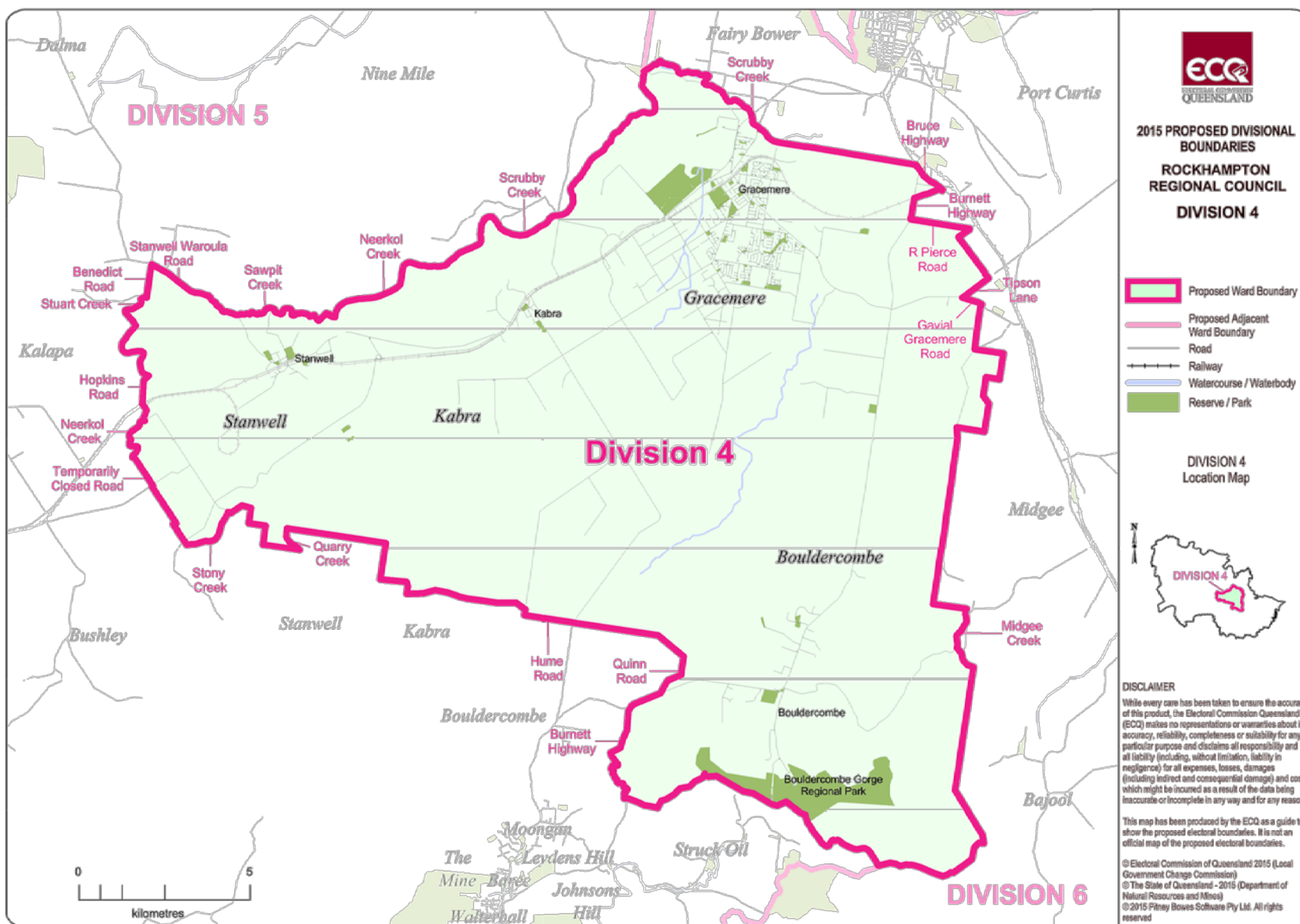
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# **ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

## **Map of ECQ Proposed Division 4 for 2016 Local Government Election**

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**Attachment No: 4**



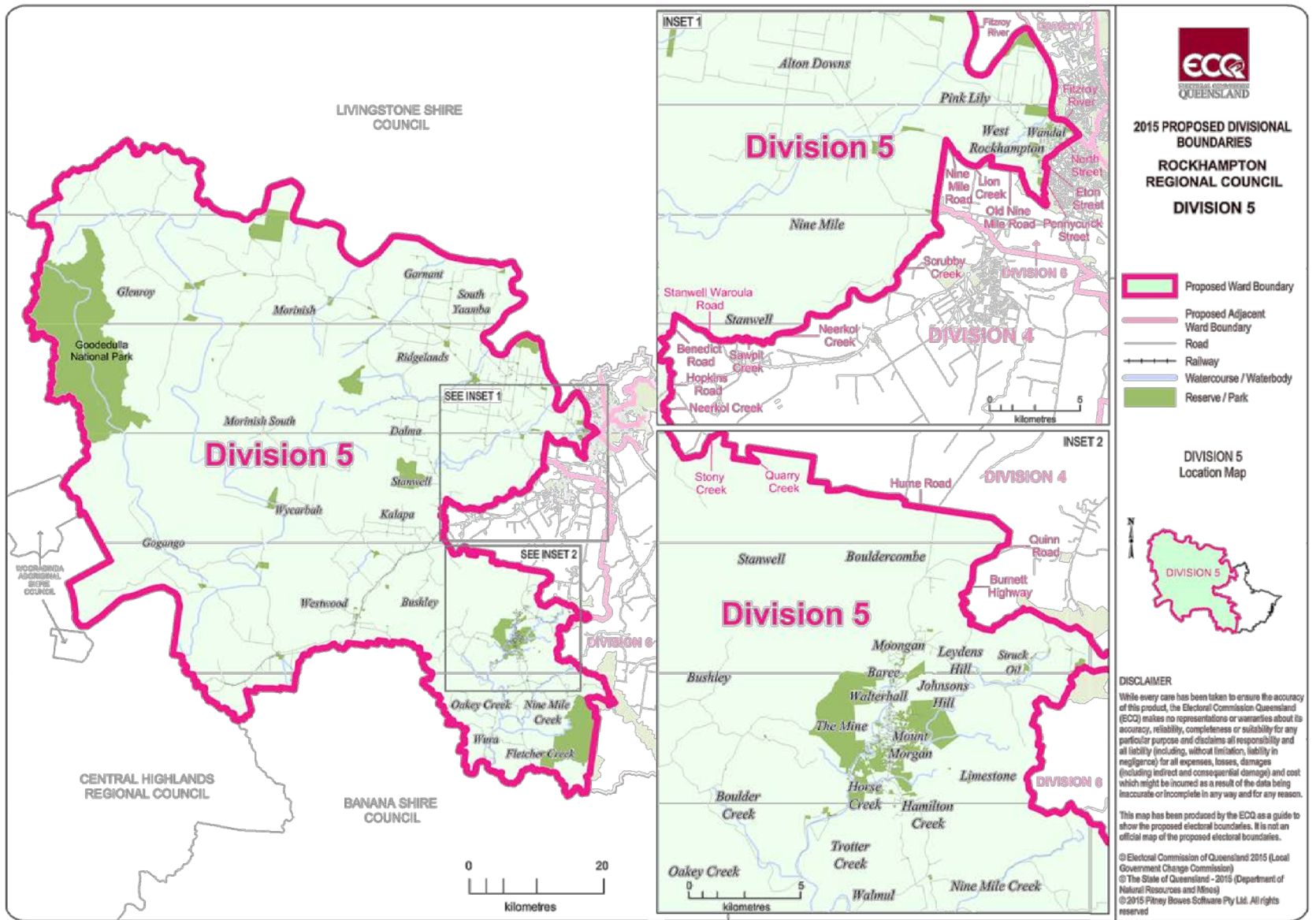
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## **Map of ECQ Proposed Division 5 for 2016 Local Government Election**

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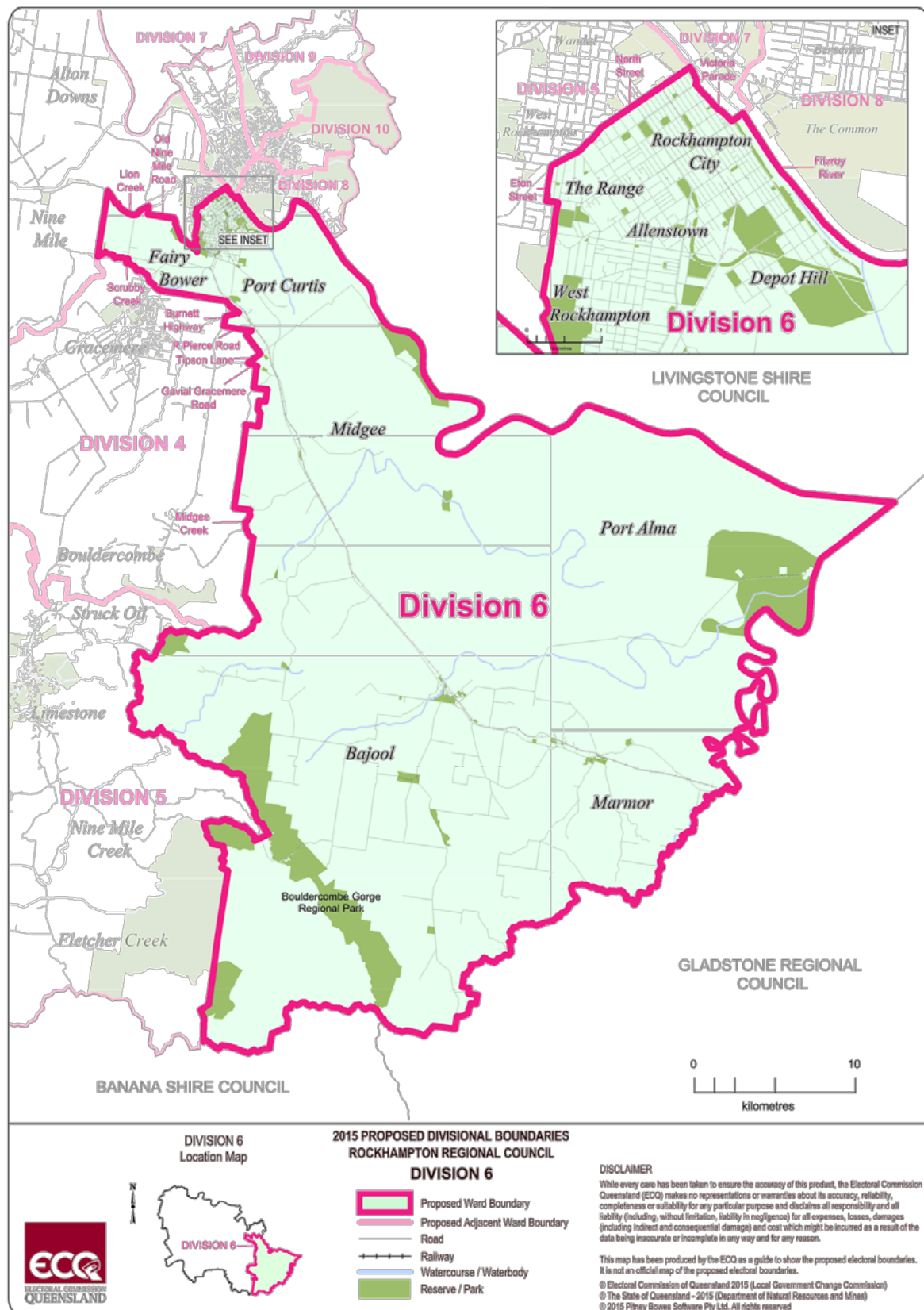


# **ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

## **Map of ECQ Proposed Division 6 for 2016 Local Government Election**

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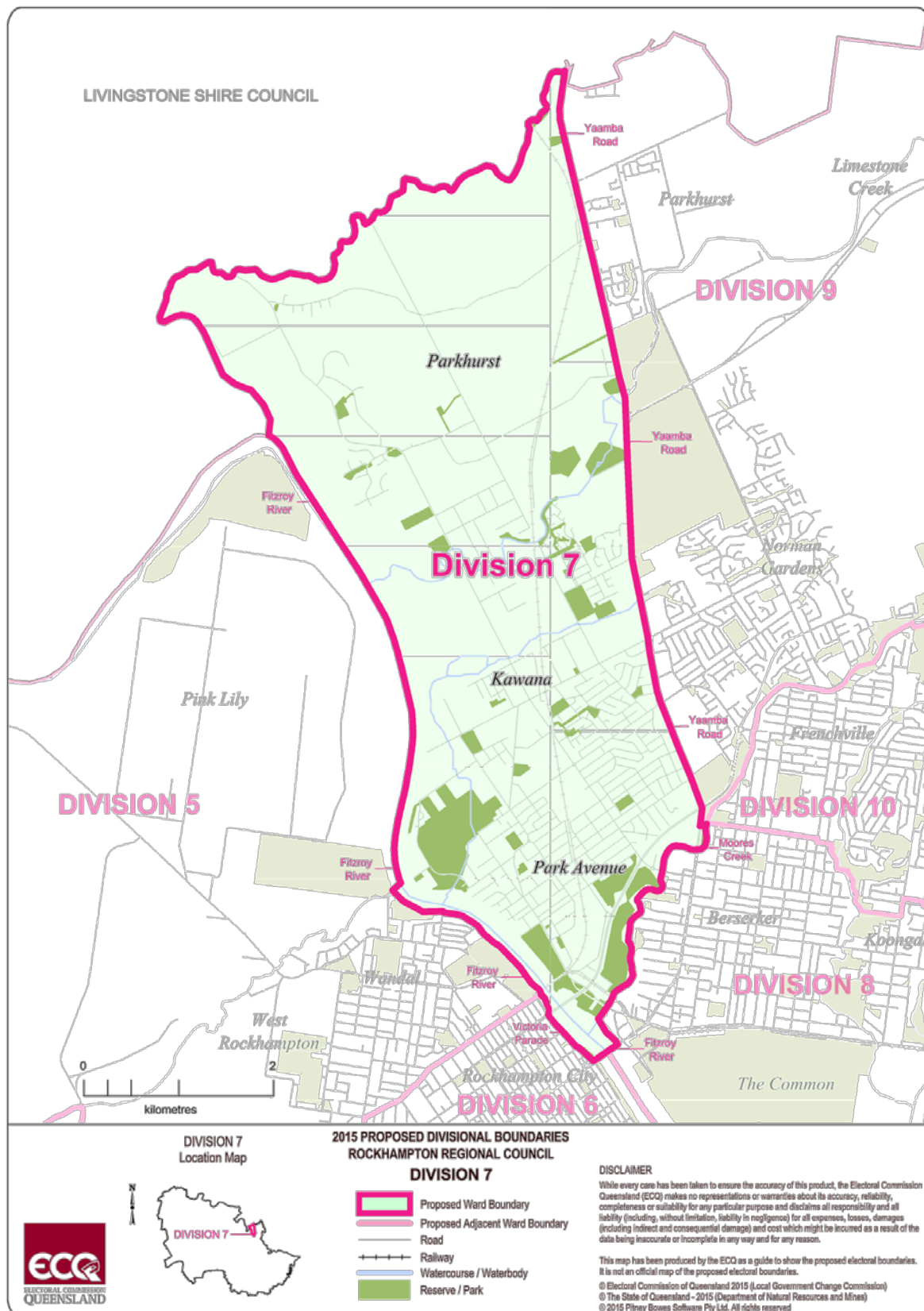


## **ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

### **Map of ECQ Proposed Division 7 for 2016 Local Government Election**

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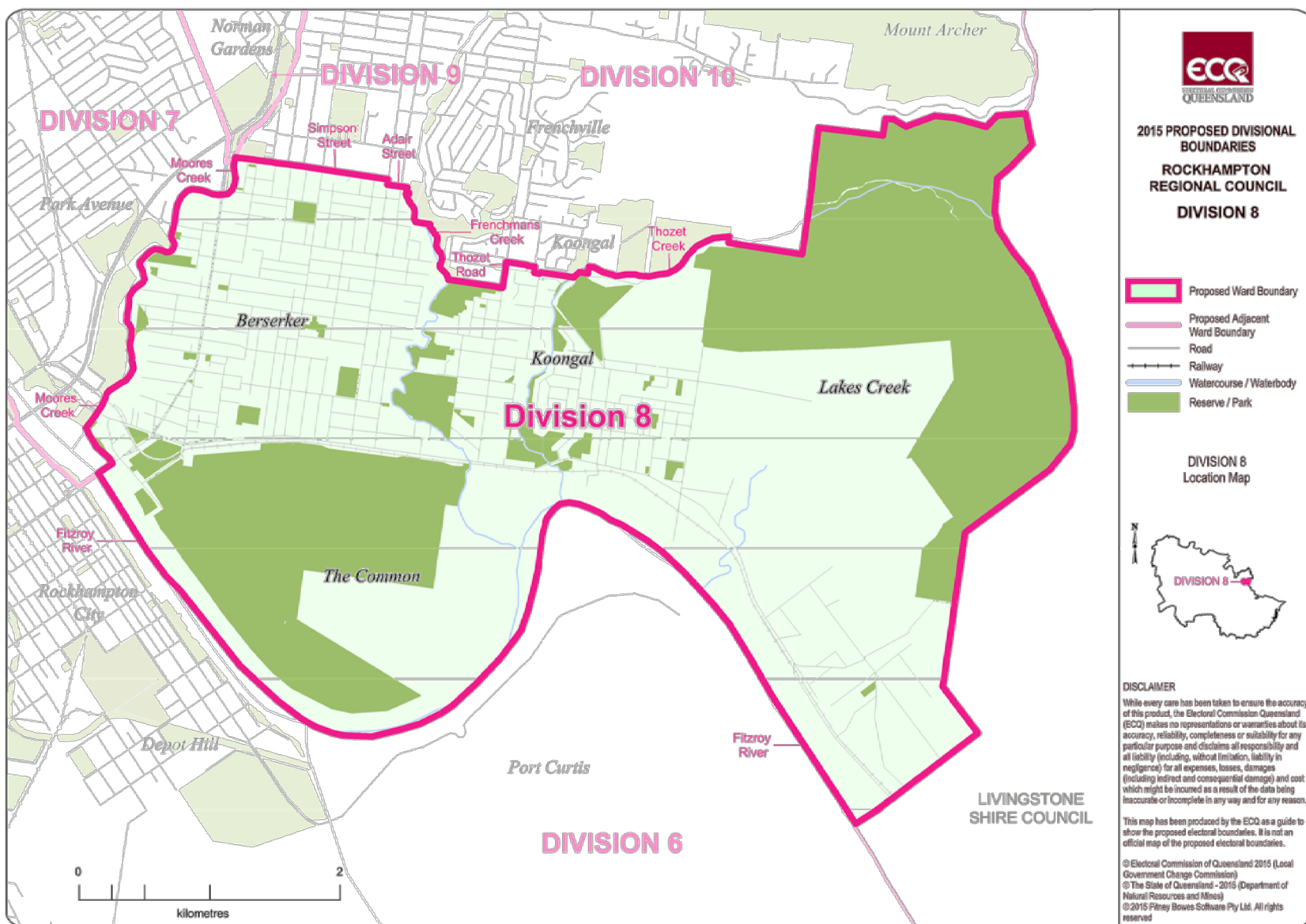


## **ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

### **Map of ECQ Proposed Division 8 for 2016 Local Government Election**

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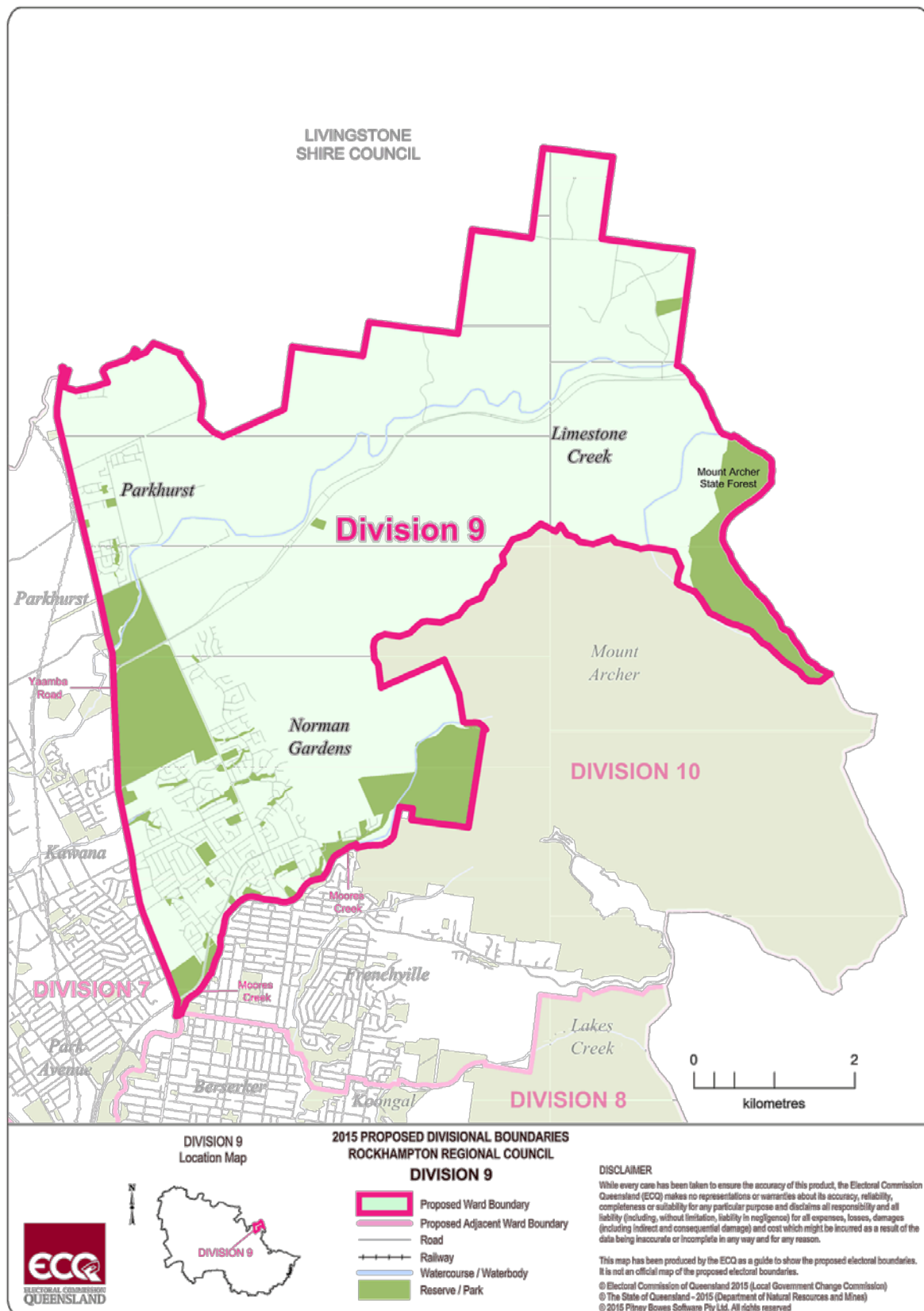
## **ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

### **Map of ECQ Proposed Division 9 for 2016 Local Government Election**

**Meeting Date: 11 August 2015**

**Attachment No: 9**





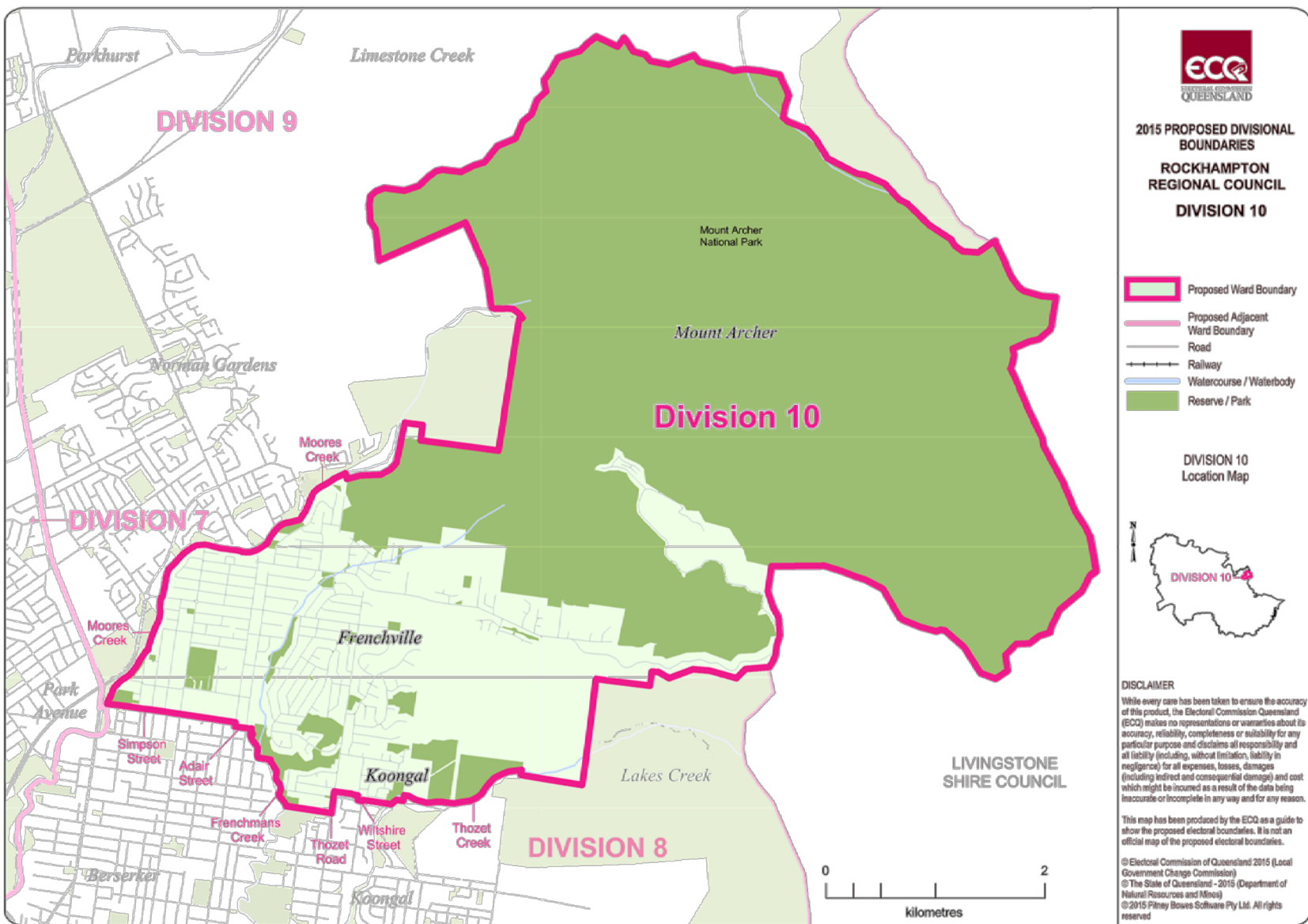


# **ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

## **Map of ECQ Proposed Division 10 for 2016 Local Government Election**

**Meeting Date: 11 August 2015**

**Attachment No: 10**



**11.8 CALL FOR MOTIONS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE - TOOWOOMBA - 19 TO 21 OCTOBER 2015**

**File No:** 8291  
**Attachments:** 1. Motion Template  
**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer  
**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

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**SUMMARY**

*Local Government Association of Queensland Inc will be holding their Annual Conference in Toowoomba from 19 to 21 October 2015 and are seeking Motions for inclusion in Agenda.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT consideration be given to Motions for inclusion in Agenda for Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference

**BACKGROUND**

The Annual Conference for Local Government Association of Queensland Inc will be held in Toowoomba from 19 to 21 October 2015. Deadline for receipt of Motions to be included in the Agenda is Friday 28 August 2015.

As in previous years, the Agenda will consist of two parts:

- Part 1: Review of the Policy Statement; and
- Part 2: Motions for Consideration.

A template for the submission of Motions is attached.

LGAQ have requested, when preparing motions and background information for either Part 1 or Part 2, particular attention should be given to all relevant facts and, where appropriate, figures. Consideration should also be given to resolutions carried at previous Annual Conferences on the topic and what action has resulted from the resolution. Motions are required to be endorsed at a Council meeting and submitted to LGAQ in the provided template.

Further information regarding this year's Annual Conference, including registration details, will be available in the near future.

**CALL FOR MOTIONS  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
OF QUEENSLAND  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE TOOWOOMBA  
19 TO 21 OCTOBER 2015**

**Motion Template**

**Meeting Date: 11 August 2015**

**Attachment No: 1**

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**LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE MOTION TEMPLATE – 2015**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Submitting Council / Organisation                                |  |
| LGAQ Policy Executive District                                   |  |
| Date of Council Resolution                                       |  |
| Title of Motion  |  |
| Motion Number  |  |
| Motion   |  |
| Background   |  |
| What are the impacts (positive or negative) on Local Government? |  |
| What is the desired outcome sought?                              |  |
| LGAQ Comment   |  |

## **12 STRATEGIC REPORTS**

Nil

## **13 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

## **14 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil



## **15 URGENT BUSINESS/QUESTIONS**

*Urgent Business is a provision in the Agenda for members to raise questions or matters of a genuinely urgent or emergent nature, that are not a change to Council Policy and can not be delayed until the next scheduled Council or Committee Meeting.*

## 16 CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

### RECOMMENDATION

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

#### 17.1 Federal Government Category D Funding Package - TC Marcia

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

#### 17.2 Sale of Properties for Overdue Rates - 2015

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## 17 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

### 17.1 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CATEGORY D FUNDING PACKAGE - TC MARCIA

**File No:** 1392

**Attachments:**

1. RRC Category D Letter NDRRA
2. Copy of STC Marcia - Betterment EOI RRC Projects

**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

**Author:** Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services

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#### SUMMARY

*The Federal Government recently announced a Category D funding package for Councils impacted by Tropical Cyclone Marcia. This report discusses the detail of this package and seeks Council's endorsement on an approach to this application.*

**17.2 SALE OF PROPERTIES FOR OVERDUE RATES - 2015****File No:** 521**Attachments:** Nil**Authorising Officer:** Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services**Author:** Alicia Cutler - Manager Finance

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**SUMMARY**

*Council has the authority under the provisions of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to recover outstanding rates and charges through a land sale process where the amounts have been overdue for three or more years. A number of properties meeting the criteria have been identified as being eligible for land sale.*

## **18 CLOSURE OF MEETING**