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Natural Resources and Mines

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Dear Mr Knaggs

Local Government Boundary Anomaly - Sunshine Coast Regional Council

The Minister for Local Government is responsible for formalising local government boundaries within the State under the Local Government Act 2009.

The Minister for Natural Resources and Mines is responsible for formalising the suburb/locality boundaries within the State under the Place Names Act 1994.

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines has identified an anomaly pertaining to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council Local Government boundaries. These anomalies have a direct effect on maintaining correct suburb/locality boundaries, which are essential for the delivery of business and emergency services.

The anomalies occur when a local government boundary bisects property lots, effectively dividing the parcel of land between two different council areas. As a consequence, these properties are sometimes split into two different suburbs or localities, which cause further confusion for landowners. councils and essential services etcetera.

The anomaly identified along the Sunshine Coast Regional Council boundary adjacent to the Gympie Regional Council is delineated on the enclosed diagram:

CHQ024459/394 - Lot 2 on RP202448 - Sunshine Coast Regional Council (Locality of Cooran) and Gympie Regional Council (Locality of Traveston)

The Department of Local Government has advised that local councils involved with boundary anomalies, such as the above, should seek a determination as a local government change by requesting in writing that the Minister for Local Government refer the matter to the Local Government Change Commissioner (Electoral Commission of Queensland) to assess the proposed change under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2009.

Should you require further information on this matter, please contact the author on telephone (07) 5451 2252 or contact Mr Max Barrie, Director, Program Implementation and Review, Department of Local Government on telephone (07) 3404 3691.

Yours sincerely

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