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City of Port Lincoln Boundary realignment proposal

The District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula is disappointed the City of Port Lincoln has lodged a proposed boundary re-alignment to take over the localities of Boston, Tiatukia, North Shields, Point Boston, Duck Ponds and Sleaford.

Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley said the City of Port Lincoln had held no formal discussions with Lower Eyre Peninsula Council prior to lodging its submission with the SA Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission (the Commission).

"The rational for this proposal remains unclear and no indication has been provided as to the potential impact of rates and services to our community" Mayor Quigley said.

The City of Port Lincoln proposal includes 2 stages – Stage 1 is to incorporate Boston and Tiatukia into the City of Port Lincoln, and should the Commission see merit in the proposal move to a Stage 2 that includes the take over of North Shields, Point Boston, Duck Ponds and Sleaford.

Mayor Quigley said the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula has actively planned for the development of the Boston and Tiatukia rural living communities to compliment the City and provide an alternative lifestyle option.

"Council believes these communities along with the wider Eyre Peninsula population already actively support the prosperity of Port Lincoln residents and businesses by shopping and trading across Port Lincoln, and through support and participation in the sports, arts and the broader Port Lincoln community."

Mayor Quigley said, a realignment as proposed would jeopardise the viability, vibrancy and the future sustainability of the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula.

"A similar proposal was put forward by some community members in 2014 and this was overwhelmingly rejected by the wider community and would undermine the ability of our Council to continue serving our residents," Mayor Quigley said.

Mayor Quigley said Lower Eyre Peninsula Council would follow the independent processes outlined by the Commission, with Council to formally consider the proposal at the 20 August Council meeting.

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