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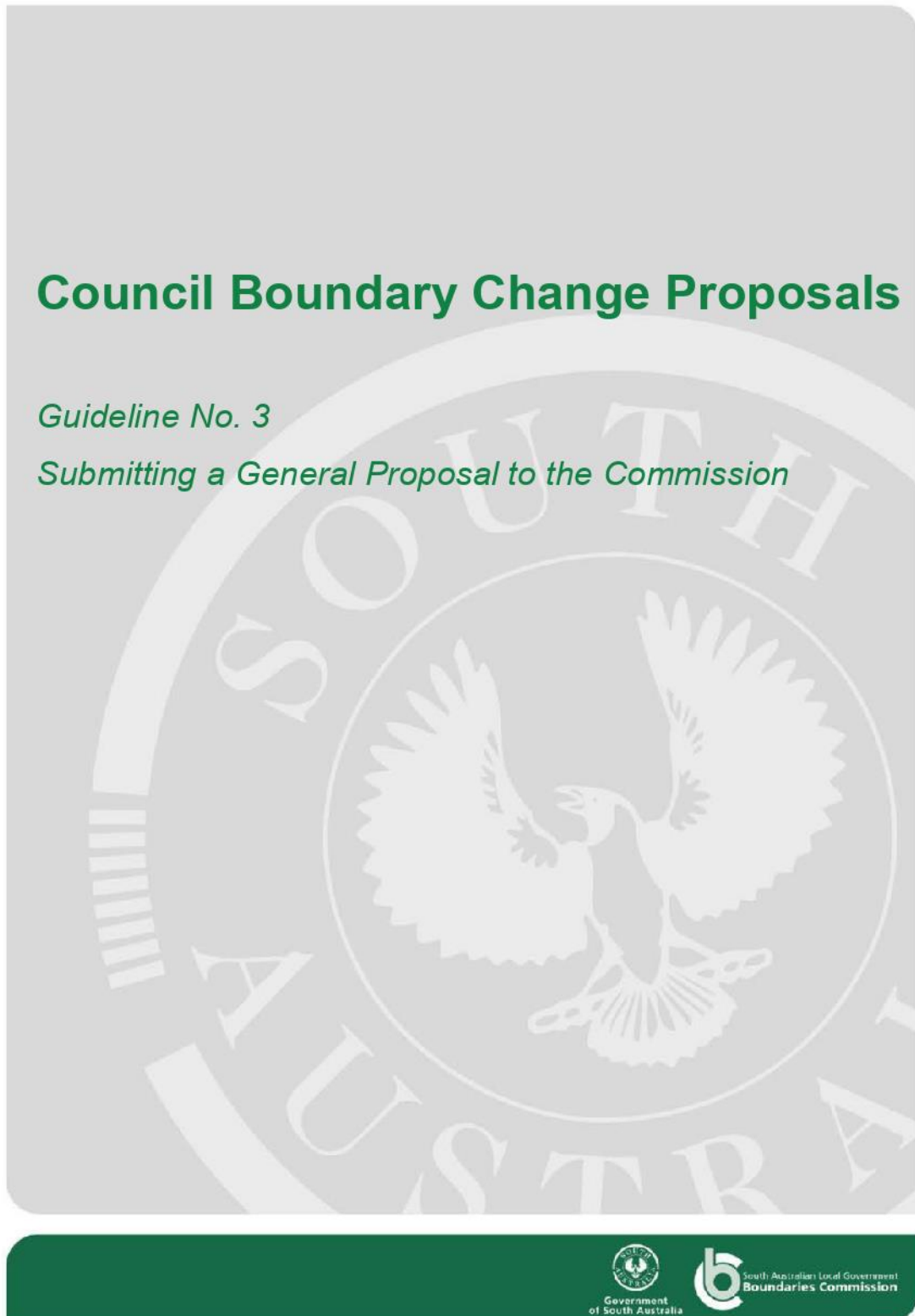
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Council Boundary Change Proposals

Guideline No. 3

Submitting a General Proposal to the Commission



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This Guideline has been issued by the Commission to provide information on general proposals, including the steps that need to be taken to prepare a submission. This Guideline specifies the requirements for council initiated proposals. Guideline 6 details the process for submissions initiated by members of the public who are eligible electors as defined in section 27(1) of the Act.

What is a general proposal?

A general proposal is a proposal that is not defined as an 'administrative proposal' within section 30(7) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (for example, general proposals may include a significant boundary change or amalgamation). Further information on administrative proposals is contained within Guideline 2.

Who can submit a general proposal?

Proposals may be referred to the Commission—

- by resolution of either House of Parliament;
- by the Minister;
- by a council or councils; or
- by the prescribed percentage or number of eligible electors.

Members of the public can submit a proposal to the Commission to consider boundary alterations, changes in the composition of a council or its representative structure, or the inclusion of unincorporated land into a council. Members of the public, cannot, however, initiate a council amalgamation or the creation of a new council. Further information on the process for public initiated submissions is contained within Guideline 6.

How to prepare a submission to the Commission

Proposals must set out in general terms the nature of the proposal and comply with the requirements of the proposal guidelines.

A single council, or councils in agreement with each other, may submit a boundary change proposal to the Commission.

When considering any boundary change proposal the Commission must refer to the objects of the Act as a whole, and in particular, the principles contained within section 26 of the Act (Attachment 1). Attachment 2 contains a more detailed discussion about the principles.

Prior to submitting a proposal to the Commission, councils should consider the principles contained in Attachment 1 and described in Attachment 2 and determine whether a submission for boundary change is the best way to proceed. Councils are encouraged to contact the Commission at this point to discuss the process.



The Commission requests councils to make a general proposal in two stages to enable the Commission to provide early feedback on a potential proposal. This will assist councils to determine at the outset whether a proposal is likely to proceed prior to undertaking extensive work on a potential proposal.

Stage 1 — Initial consideration of a potential proposal

Write to the Commission outlining the nature of the potential proposal and the reasons why the council(s) consider boundary change as the best option, with reference to the section 26 principles.

At this point, the Commission will consider the correspondence and provide advice to the council(s), including whether a general proposal can be referred for consideration, if more work is recommended to be undertaken or further information is sought by the Commission.

Councils should note that advice from the Commission that a general proposal can be submitted does not guarantee that the proposal will be formally accepted.

Stage 2 — Referral of a general proposal to the commission

Prepare a submission to the Commission that sets out in detail the grounds on which the proposal is made and the issues that should be considered in an assessment of the change to boundaries. The Commission requires the matters listed below to be included in your proposal, noting that the Commission expects a proposal to cover these matters as far as the initiating council can be reasonably aware of them.

Given that the Commission is obliged to take the section 26 principles into consideration when making recommendations about boundary changes, initiating council(s) are required to detail how their proposal fits with these principles when referring a proposal.

Description of the proposal

- Provide a detailed description of the proposal
- Clearly identify all councils involved

Section 26 principles

- Describe the proposal with reference to the principles set out in section 26 of the Act and contained and described in Attachment 1 and 2.
- Prior to accepting a proposal, the Commission may request information from other affected councils in relation to their view of how the proposal will address the principles.

Community of interest

- Discuss various components (cultural, heritage, shopping, community services, road and other transport links, sporting, etc.) of the social fabric of the area which is the subject of the proposal. Identify common interests that would be likely to benefit from the proposal.
- Identify any individual large community or business assets, or significant geographical features in the area of the proposal that you consider affect the community of interest.

Consultation with the community and key agencies

- Provide evidence that appropriate consultation has taken place with the community.
- Where appropriate, provide numbers of letters received supporting and opposing the proposal, details of public meetings held to discuss the proposal, and estimates of numbers attending. Provide copies of news articles, letters to the editor and public notices in newspapers.
- Identify concerns that were raised during consultation, the degree of support shown for and against them, and how they were addressed by all affected councils.

Advantages and Disadvantages

- Provide a balanced representation of the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal.
- Identify stakeholder groups, providing details of the interests and identity of each. Discuss impacts of the proposal on each group.
- Record any significant opposition known to the applicant council or councils and the basis of this.

Calendar of events

- List in sequence dates of key council decisions, announcements, notices, public and other meetings, actions by stakeholder groups, press articles etc.

Any other relevant information

- Information the council considers relevant for matters the Commission must consider under section 31(3)(b).

Administrative matters

- Maps should be supplied which depict in sufficient detail the area the subject of, and surrounding area of the proposal (where relevant).
- Name and contact details of the officer(s) of the proponent council(s) to whom the Commission should direct its questions and correspondence.

This information will enable the Commission to make a decision whether to accept the referral. If accepted, the Commission will request further information as part of its investigation of the proposal. Further details are contained within Guideline 4.

What happens following a submission to the Commission?

The Commission will assess the proposal in accordance with the guidelines and determine whether to inquire into the proposal or refuse to inquire into the proposal.

The Commission may refuse to inquire into a proposal if the Commission considers that—

- The proposal is vexatious, frivolous or trivial; or
- If it is not in the public interest to inquire into the proposal; or
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- The proposal is the same as or substantially similar to a proposal that has already been inquired into; or
- there is some other good reason to refuse to inquire into a proposal, for example, the issues raised in the inquiry were dealt with through a previous representation review in line with Section 12 of the Act.

The Commission may also decide to defer consideration of a proposal if it is of the view that the proposal cannot be finalised and gazetted by 31 December of the calendar year preceding a periodic council election.

The Commission may seek additional information to assist with its decision, and will directly notify the initiator of its decision.

The Act gives the Commission flexibility to deal with proposals to ensure that the most effective inquiry into an identified issue is undertaken. For example, the Commission may deal with similar or competing proposals that are referred to it.

If the Commission determines to inquire into a general proposal, section 31 of the Act sets out the process for these inquiries. Guideline 4 provides information on inquiries into general proposals, including how a submission is progressed by the Commission.

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ATTACHMENT 1**26—Principles**

(1) The Commission should have regard to—

- The objects of the Act
- The roles, functions and objectives of councils under this Act; and
- The following principles:
 - The resources available to local communities should be used as economically as possible while recognising the desirability of avoiding significant divisions within a community;
 - Proposed changes should, wherever practicable, benefit ratepayers;
 - A council should have a sufficient resource base to fulfil its functions fairly, effectively and efficiently;
 - A council should offer its community a reasonable range of services delivered on an efficient, flexible, equitable and responsive basis;
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 - A council area should incorporate or promote an accessible centre (or centres) for local administration and services
 - The importance within the scheme of local government to ensure that local communities within large council areas can participate effectively in decisions about local matters
 - Residents should receive adequate and fair representation within the local government system, while over-representation in comparison with councils of a similar size and type should be avoided (at least in the longer term)
 - A scheme that provides for the performance of functions and delivery of services in relation to 2 or more councils (for example, a scheme for regional governance) may improve councils' capacity to deliver services on a regional basis and therefore offer a viable and appropriate alternative to structural change
- The extent and frequency of previous changes affecting the council or councils under this Chapter or the repealed Act.
- The Commission should, so far as is relevant, give preference to structural changes that enhance the capacity of local government to play a significant role in the future of an area or region from a strategic perspective.

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The principles guide the Commission in balancing various council and community interests. While general in nature, they address a range of considerations, including communities of interest, effective governance, operational capacity, delivery of services, effective planning and development, accessibility, and adequate and fair representation. Consideration will also be given to regional activities that may offer a viable and appropriate alternative to boundary change.

The principles emphasise the importance of ensuring that boundary changes enhance the capacity of local government within the area to continue to deliver results to local communities in a more strategic and effective way.

Below are some questions you may wish to consider when formulating a proposal—

- How will the proposal align resources to where they are most needed and provide value to ratepayers?
- How will the proposal increase the council's ability to improve operational capacity and financial sustainability?
- What impact will the proposal have on the resource base of affected councils?
- How will the proposal enhance the capacity of the council to deliver better services to the community?
- How does the proposal support communities of interest?
 - Similar interests are important for groups that have been represented together because of their close geography or social and economic interests. Factors contributing to a sense of community included shared interests and shared use of community facilities.
 - Is there a sense of belonging or stronger community connection with the area which can be clearly defined?
 - Identify common interests that would be likely to benefit from the proposal, such as economic, social, heritage, cultural and recreational.
 - Consider the functional relationships and whether the proposal meets the community's needs, for example, use of services, road and transport links, shopping etc.
- How will the proposal improve representation?
- Has consideration been given to delivering services on a regional basis as an alternative to boundary change?

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Guideline No. 4

Investigation of General Proposals Initiated by Councils



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Section 31 of the Act sets out the process for inquiries into general proposals. The Act provides for an independent analysis of major proposals by one or more investigators consisting of expertise that is determined to be necessary for each proposal.

The Commission can appoint one or more investigators to undertake a detailed inquiry into the proposal. However, the Commission must appoint investigators when a general proposal is referred to them by either the Minister or by resolution of either House of Parliament. Further information on the appointment of investigators is contained within Guideline 5.

When considering any boundary change proposal the Commission must refer to the objects of the Act as a whole, and in particular, the Principles contained within section 26 of the Act (Attachment 1). The Commission is obliged to take these principles into consideration when making recommendations on boundary changes.

In addition to these principles, an inquiry must consider the matters in section 31(3)(b)—

- The financial implications and impact on resources that the proposal is likely to have on any council affected by the general proposal; and
- The extent of support for the general proposal and boundary reform in the area within the community affected by the general proposal; and
- The extent of support for the general proposal of any council affected by the general proposal; and
- The impact of the various rights and interests of any council employees affected by the general proposal; and
- Any other principles prescribed by regulations.

Other matters an inquiry may consider include—

- Division of assets and liabilities – including land and buildings, plant and equipment, cash, investments, interests in and business activities, debtors, debt, overdraft, staff entitlements;
- Impact of any significant contracts;
- Ability of communities to access council services and relevant communication issues between councils and communities;



- Assessment of any significant differences in rating policies of the councils involved, the impacts on ratepayers and how these are to be addressed in both the short and longer term;
- Potential conflicts that may arise from existing patterns of land use if the proposal was implemented, for example, predominantly residential areas being aligned with intensive agricultural lands.
- Assessment of any significant differences in fees and charges of the councils involved;
- Material impact of legal orders and proceedings;
- Assessment of any significant differences in service levels provided by the councils involved; and
- Implications for council employees, including any proposed transfer of staff and conditions of employment.

Provision of Information

Section 32A of the Act provides powers for the Commission or an investigator to obtain information in connection with an inquiry. The Commission or its investigators may seek relevant information from affected councils to inform consideration of the above matters, including—

Statistical and social data

- Number of residents affected.
- Number of properties affected, separated into residential, primary production, commercial and industrial and compare these to the total number of properties in the area of the council(s).
- Social profile of the community—for example, age distribution, ethnicity, income levels, employment patterns.
- Social and economic history of the area.

Financial information

- Details of rate and grant revenues that will be affected by the proposal.
- Identify real property and other significant council assets affected by the proposal.

Council representation arrangements

- Explain how the proposal will impact on ward quotas (if any) and the representation available to residents, owners and occupiers of property.
- Give details of interim representation arrangements that are proposed in the short term, or as a transitional measure, and their suggested duration.
- Outline the arrangements proposed in relation to any changes to office holders or elected members. If proclamations will be required, the matters to be covered should be set out clearly.

As part of its assessment of a general proposal the Commission is required to consult widely with councils and the public. Guideline 9 details how the Commission and its investigators will undertake engagement and consultation on boundary change proposals. The Commission will design an engagement plan for each general proposal.



Finalisation of an Inquiry

At the conclusion of an inquiry, the Commission must prepare and publish on a website a report that includes the Commission's recommendations and provide a report to the Minister. If the Commission determines to recommend a general proposal, the proposal may involve such variations as the Commission thinks fit.

The Commission may include in a report recommendations relating to the delivery of services on a regional basis by councils as an alternative to boundary change, or any other recommendation the Commission considers appropriate.

The Commission may also include a recommendation that the Minister write to the Electoral Commission of South Australia (ECSA) if the acceptance of a recommendation would have an impact on representation in council ward areas.

The Minister may send the report back to the Commission for reconsideration in accordance with any suggestions by the Minister. However, if this does occur, the Commission must then publish an amended report and provide a copy of the amended report to the Minister. The Minister may then determine whether a proposal recommended by the Commission should proceed.

If the Minister determines that the proposal proceed, it will be forwarded to the Governor with a recommendation that a proclamation be made.

The Minister may, in the case of a general proposal referred to the Commission by a council that the Commission has recommended in the report not proceed—at the request of 1 or more councils, consult with the relevant councils about the matter. After consultation, if the Minister determines that it is appropriate to make a recommendation to the Governor in the circumstances of the particular case, forward the general proposal to the Governor with a recommendation that a proclamation be made.

If the Minister determines that a proposal not proceed, the Minister must prepare a report for both Houses of Parliament.

Following completion of an inquiry, the Commission must give public notice of the Minister's determination. The Commission must also notify the person or body who referred the proposal to the Commission, any council affected by the proposal, and any registered industrial association that represents the interests of employees of councils.

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Appointment of Investigators for General Proposals



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When will the Commission appoint investigators?

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The Act provides appropriate flexibility in appointing investigators—more significant proposals will require a number of investigators, whereas relatively straightforward proposals may be completed ‘in house’ (for council initiated proposals), or may only require a single investigator.

How will the Commission appoint investigators?

The Commission must seek to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable that the qualifications, knowledge expertise and experience of a particular investigator are relevant to each inquiry.

The Commission must also consult with affected councils when appointing the investigator(s).

To assist with this process, the Commission will maintain a register of potential investigators that will work within a defined fee structure.

What powers will investigators have?

Section 32A of the Act sets out the powers of the Commission or an investigator when conducting an inquiry. These powers enable information to be obtained that is determined to be relevant to an inquiry.

The Commission or an investigator conducting an inquiry may—

- a) by summons signed by the Commission or investigator (as the case requires), require a person's attendance; and
- b) require a person to answer, orally or in writing, questions to the best of his or her knowledge, information and belief; and
- c) require a person to verify an answer under paragraph (b) by declaration; and
- d) require a council or person to produce any relevant documents or other records; and

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- e) retain documents or other records produced under paragraph (d) for reasonable periods and make copies of them or their contents; and
- f) call for or receive submissions or representations.

Will the investigators be independent?

An investigator appointed to conduct an inquiry must comply with any directions or requirements of the Commission relating to the inquiry, and, at the conclusion of the inquiry, provide a report on the inquiry to the Commission

The Act ensures that investigators appointed by the Commission are not subject to Ministerial direction in relation to an inquiry or a recommendation or report.

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Dear Mayor ~~O'Brien~~

Re: Boundary Reform

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RESOLUTION 2019:05:COU002

Moved: Cr D Fraser

Seconded: Cr P Little

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This new process allows us all to plan for our future, show strong leadership in our region and effectively lead the conversation as it relates to boundary reform.

We currently do not have a meeting time to discuss this matter so if agreeable, I will arrange for a time to be set up so we can chat and discuss further.

I look forward to progressing discussions accordingly.

Kind regards



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This new process allows us all to plan for our future, show strong leadership in our region and effectively lead the conversation as it relates to boundary reform.

I note that a meeting has been scheduled for us to discuss this and related matters to be held on Monday 24 June at 4.00pm here at the Town of Gawler Administration Centre.

I look forward to progressing discussions accordingly.

Kind regards



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10 May 2019

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Dear Mayor Redman

Re: Establishment of Concordia Precinct Authority

Thank you for your letter dated 24 April 2019 regarding the establishment of a Precinct Authority for the Concordia Growth Area.

Council considered the establishment of the Precinct Authority pursuant to the *Urban Renewal Act 1995* in response to an approach by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure to commence strategic land use planning for the Concordia area.

Normally, Council would have considered Concordia as part of a Strategic Direction Report under the Development Act, and undertaken a subsequent Development Plan Amendment to amend the Barossa Development Plan.

Council agreed that the precinct planning process would provide an alternate approach to developing a master plan for Concordia, particularly given the transition to the new planning system under the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act.

The Urban Renewal Act allows for several governance models to be considered. Council resolved to support having an independently appointed board, based on membership recommendations from the Minister and The Barossa Council as the two main stakeholders. It is important to note that Council does not support representation from those parties with a direct interest including the developers, and the Board if established will be clearly independent and skills based. Council had no issue with not having representation on the authority provided that the framework provides for appropriate 'touch points' for Council and other key stakeholders, including the Town of Gawler, to have input into the establishment of the Precinct Authority and the various Panels, and in the process of developing the precinct master plan(s).

These matters have been factored in the Issues Paper that has been submitted to the state agencies for consideration prior to the formal submission of the Business Case by the proponent.

It is considered that the Town of Gawler will have opportunity to have representation and input to the precinct master planning process through the Panels.

Council staff are to meet with Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure and Renewal SA in coming weeks to discuss the Issues Paper and Business Case. It is my understanding that the Town of Gawler will also have a representative in attendance.

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It is envisaged that both our Councils will be actively engaged to ensure that are respective interests are considered in both the planning and implementation of the master plan(s).

Council has clearly stated it understands any development in Concordia has a wider regional impact and opportunity. It has also clearly articulated to the Minister, Department and developer overtime that Concordia is part of the Barossa Valley "GI" and the gateway to the iconic southern Barossa and thus planning and governance of the area must rest with the community empowered and best placed to understand the Barossa Valley, its brand and its multiple generations of history. Importantly Concordia also has a natural barrier to our regional town centre being Gawler and this provides a clear separation of our rural and regional heritage and lifestyle in South Australia and the regional town centre of Gawler.

Should you wish any further information regarding the precinct planning process, please contact Gary Mavrinac, Director Development and Environmental Services on 8563 8480 or email gmavrinac@barossa.sa.gov.au.

Thank you for writing to me regarding this matter.

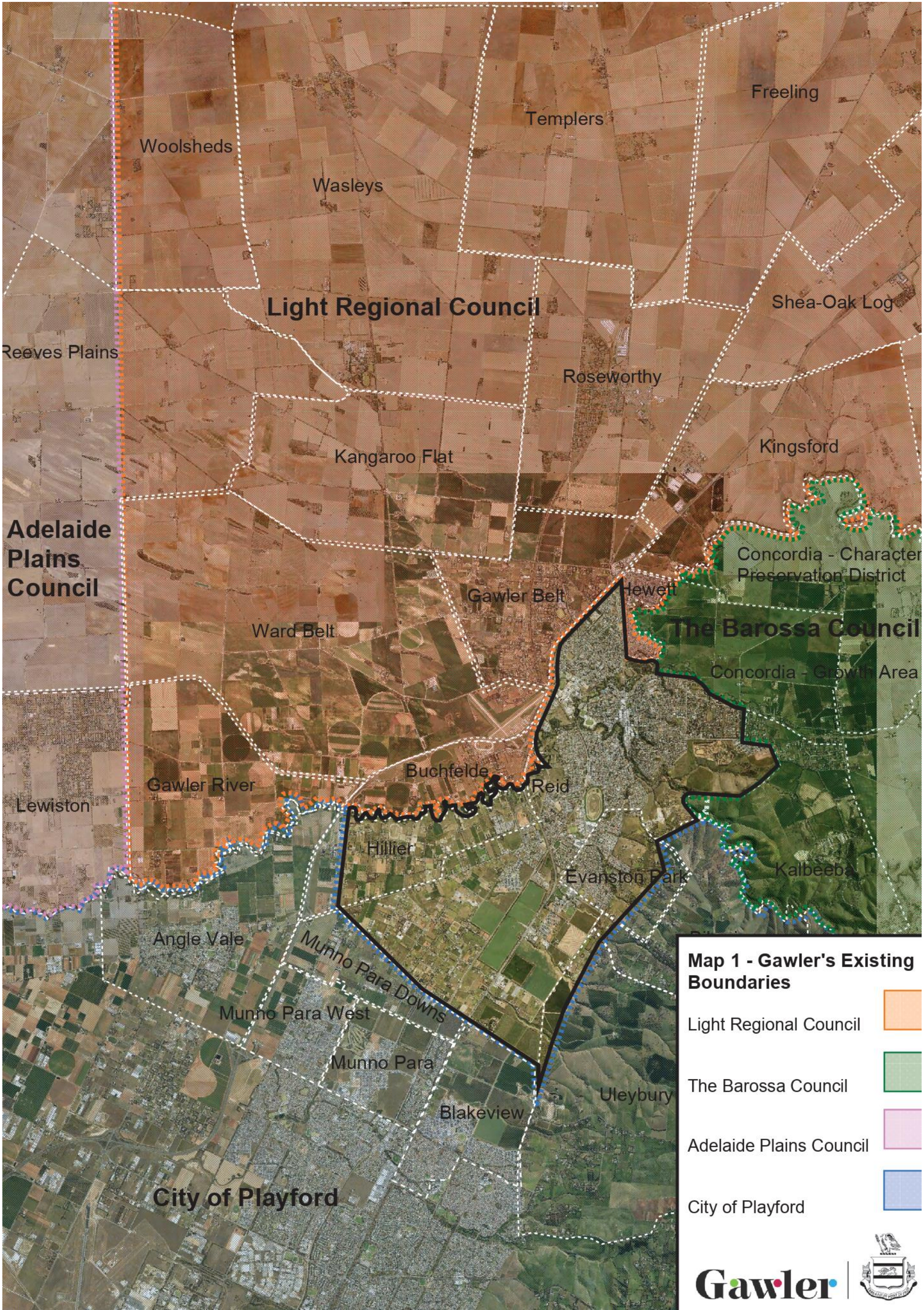
Yours sincerely

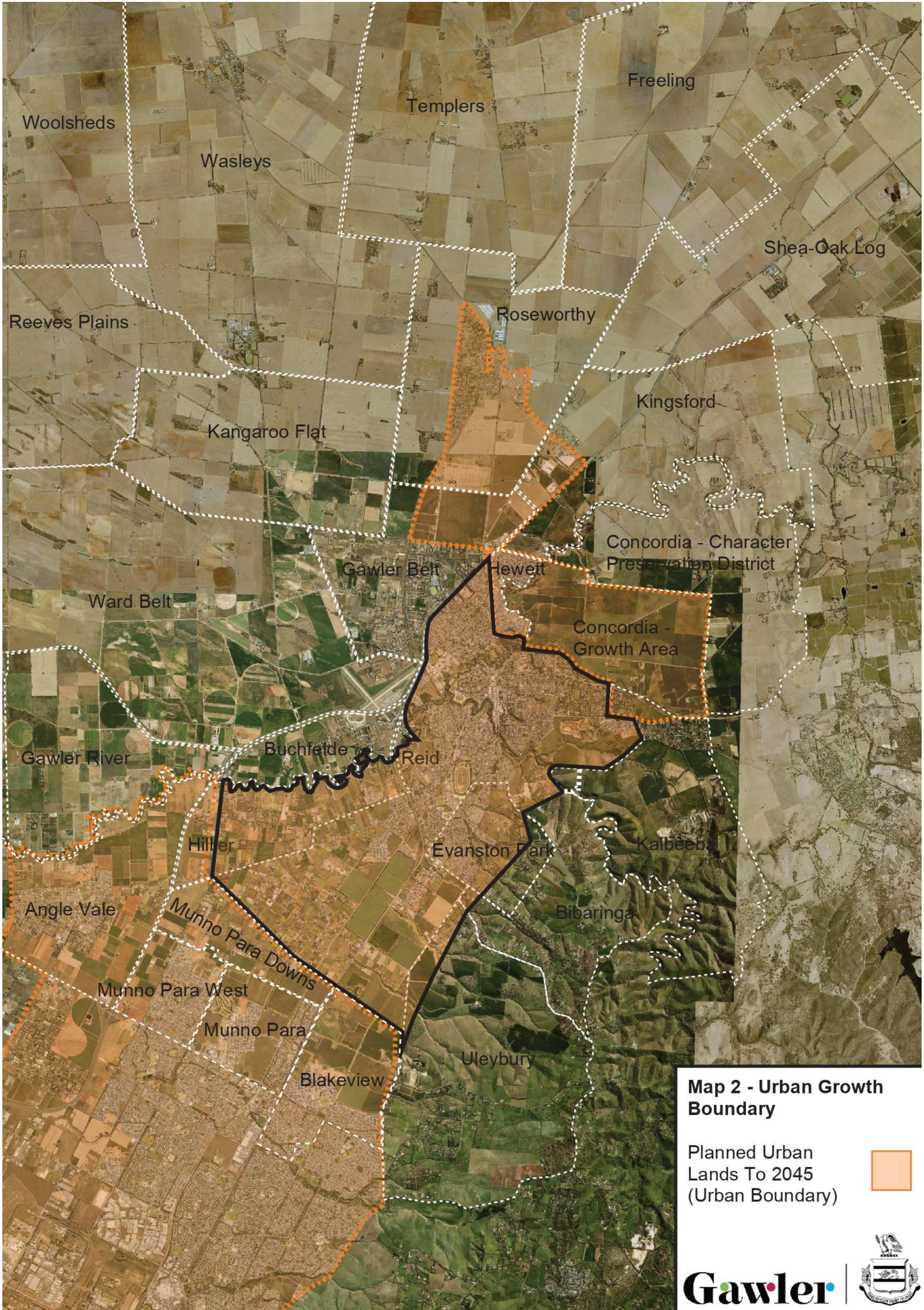


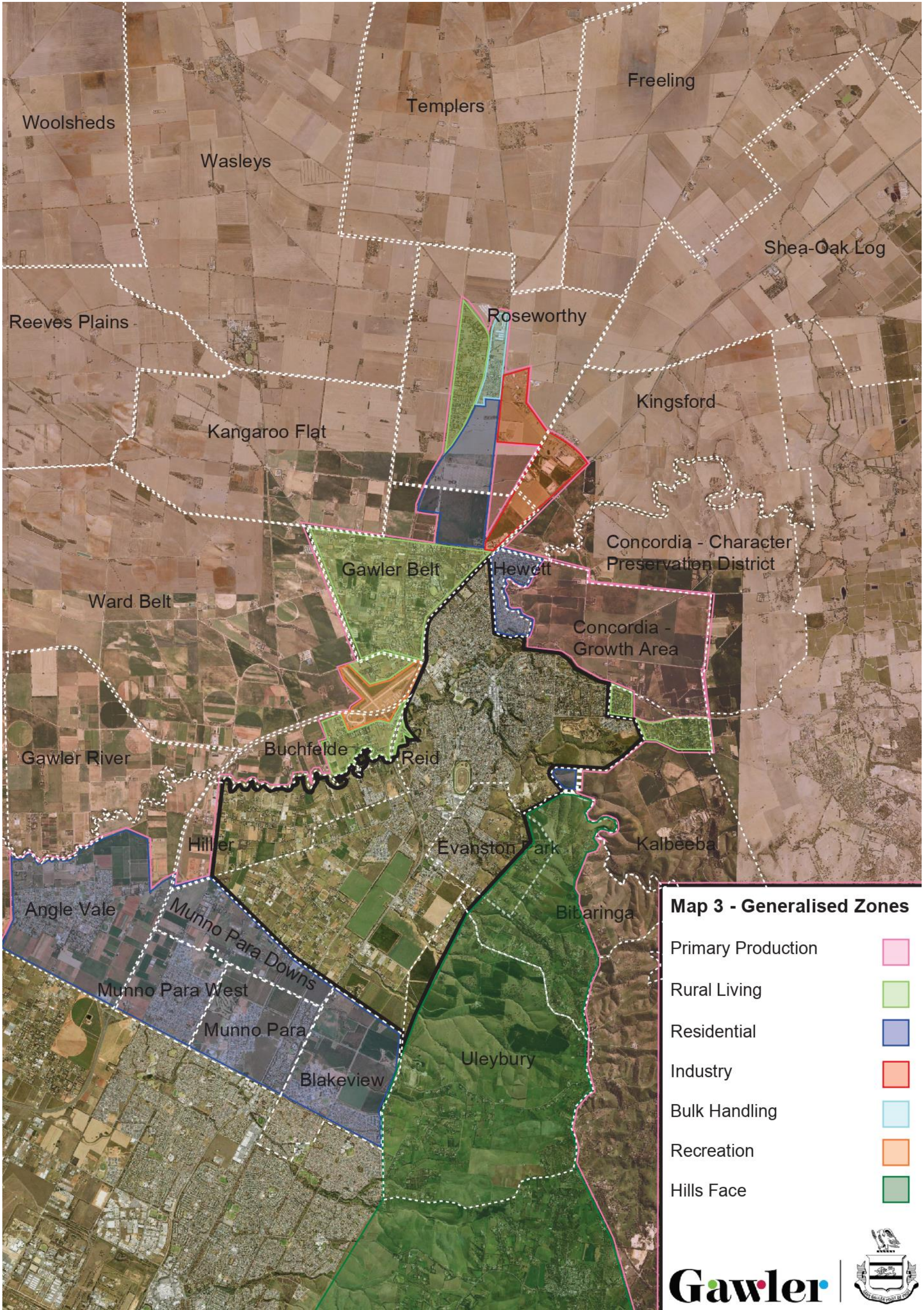
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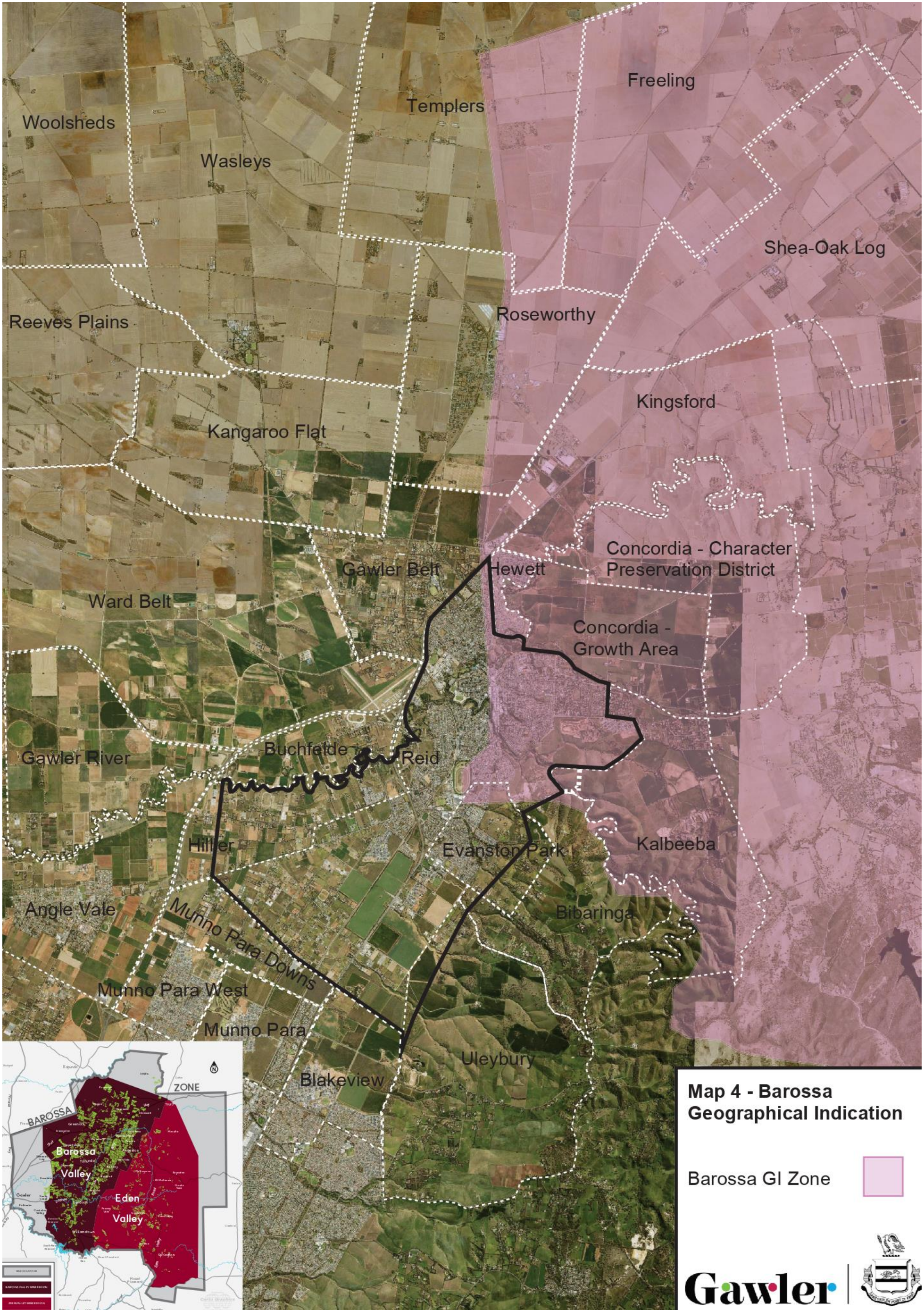
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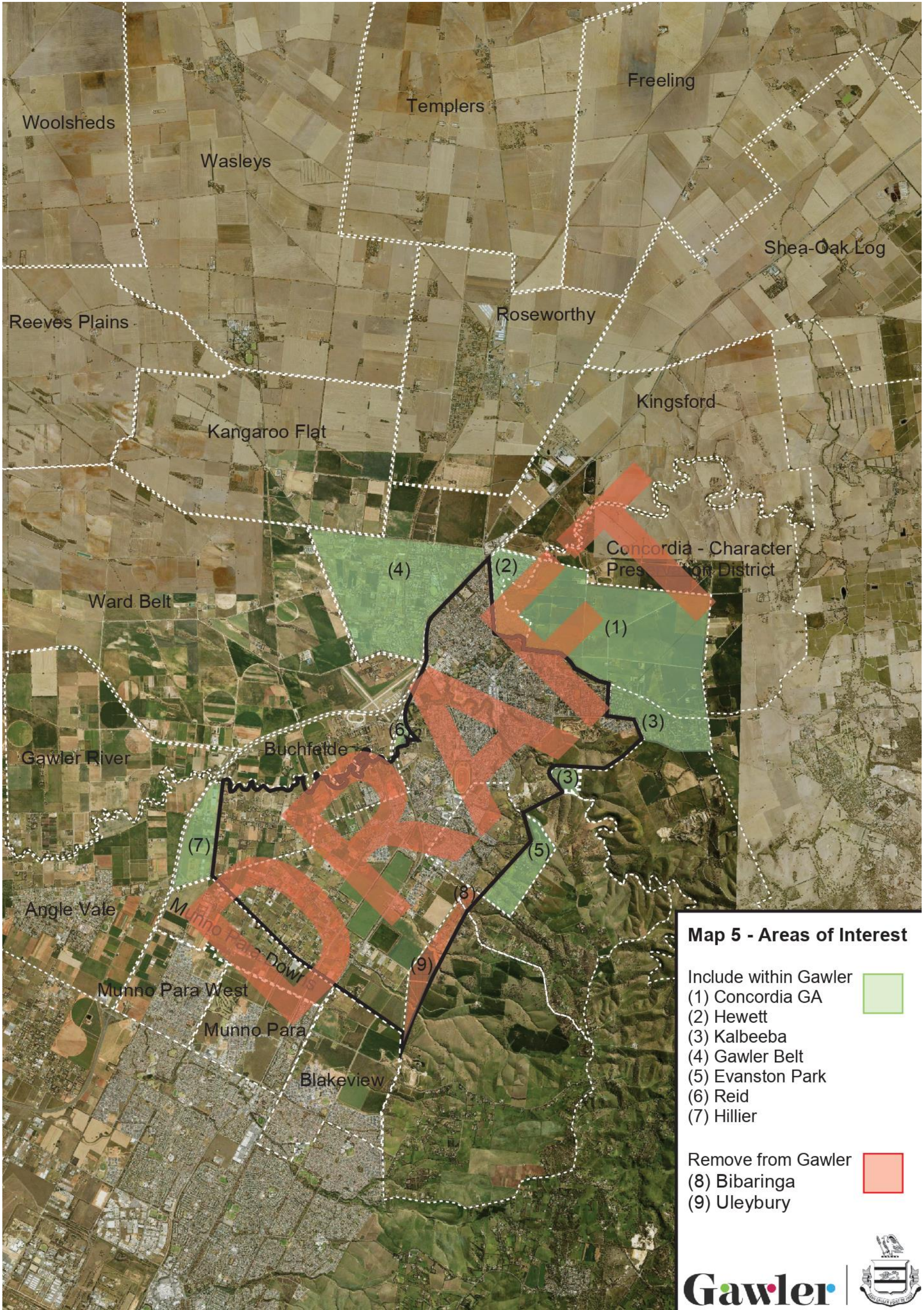
Cc: Mr Henry Inat, Chief Executive Officer, Town of Gawler











Summary of Council Boundary Changes Indicative Financial Analysis (Variable Revenue & Expenditure): <i>based on existing General Rates in Town of Gawler</i>											
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Proposed Council Affiliation	Town of Gawler	Town of Gawler	Town of Gawler	Town of Gawler	Town of Gawler	Town of Gawler	Town of Gawler	Town of Gawler	City of Playford	City of Playford	
Allotments	600	900	147	130	334	24	1	22	3	23	2,132
Mapping Sector Number	1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Estimated Total Revenue - includes Rates; User Charges; Statutory Charges	\$ 1,190,000	\$ 2,283,000	\$ 395,037	\$ 356,000	\$ 897,618	\$ 64,500	\$ 1,765	\$ 59,125	\$ 8,903	\$ 61,789	\$ 5,176,352
Estimated Total Expenditure includes: - maintenance of open space / trees, roads, community centres & stormwater maintenance; - administrative, waste & employment costs; - infrastructure depreciation	1,019,000	2,003,000	181,880	340,000	453,898	30,182	1,041	44,309	15,794	32,152	4,025,364
Estimated Total Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	171,000	280,000	213,157	16,000	443,720	34,317	724	14,816	-6,891	29,637	1,150,989

Summary of Council Boundary Changes Indicative Financial Analysis (Variable Revenue & Expenditure): <i>based on existing General Rates in Other Councils</i>											
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Estimated Total Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	14,000	19,000	150,843	-40,000	338,053	26,691	523	7,825	-8,311	22,328	502,917

Friends of Musgrave Reserve
Sharee Richardson

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Evanston Gardens SA 5116

Mayor Redman
Gawler Council
High St
Gawler SA 5118

Dear Mayor Redman,

As a part of the Evanston Gardens Progress Association (EGPA) we have been afforded the opportunity to apply for the Communities Environment Program (CEP). We began our relationship with the EGPA as an affiliated volunteer group last year. We have since become committee members and we are working as an integral part of the EGPA committee.

As you know we have been looking forward to seeing the upgrades to the Musgrave Reserve and as a community group we wish to contribute. Our objective is to apply for a grant under the CEP and if we are successful, to use the funds to compliment Council's plan for the Musgrave Reserve. In keeping with the Friends of Musgrave Strategic Plan, our objectives are to increase canopy trees, supplement the planting of native shrubs, improve biodiversity and install bird boxes using local expertise from the Natural Resource Management Board. We estimate this cost to be \$6,279.60. The planned costings are listed below:

Product	Price per unit	Total
Mulch	\$49.35 (6x4m trailer) Delivery \$35/8units	\$789.60 \$70
Trees – established	1.8m @ \$200ea 2.5m @ \$500ea	\$2000.00 \$2500.00
Trees – Tube Stock	\$10ea	\$200.00
Shrubs – Tube stock	\$4ea	\$100
Grasses	\$4ea	\$200
Bird Boxes	\$35ea	\$420
Total		\$6,279.60

Working closely with Council we feel we can successfully complete the project within the expected timeline and deliver all outcomes by December 2020.

We thank you for your time to consider our proposal and we hope you will endorse our application.

Warm regards,

Evanston Gardens Progress Association on behalf of the Friends of Musgrave Reserve.

**Gawler Environment and Heritage Association Inc.**Email: geha1@bigpond.com

Tel: [REDACTED]

**4 September 2019****CEO, Town of Gawler****89 Murray St Gawler****Dear Henry****SPENCE Communities Environment Program 2019-20**

This letter is to request Council support for an Expression of Interest for a project to plant up to 1 ha of high diversity native grassland in the Council reserve on the powerline corridor between Calton Road and Rebbeck St As shown in attached map.

The suggested details of the proposal are contained in the EOI draft document attached.

We have spoken to David Manley from Electranet and forwarded details of the proposal. David was positive about the proposal but a formal approval will need to be finalised.

We are asking for Council support related to use of the land. We are not asking Council for any financial support. There will need to be some involvement of Council staff in planning the project. There will also be some opportunities for Council to provide inkind assistance. We also expect some minor assistance from the AMLR NRM Board. We will also be looking to involve other community groups including schools.

The plans involved are consistent with the Gawler Biodiversity Management Plan. While the funded project will be completed by Dec 2020 we propose to continue with management of the area for a number of years to ensure its success and ongoing value to the town environment.

Gawler Environment and Heritage Association (GEHA) is a community group which supports the natural environment and biodiversity, heritage and environmentally sustainable living. GEHA has been in operation since 1980. Over the last 39 years we have been keen for Gawler to achieve its potential as a town with high quality environmental performance, including demonstrating biodiversity management consistent with predicted climate change.

Yours faithfully

David Ferguson, Convenor

SPENCE

Expression of Interest Communities Environment Program 2019-20

Project Title: Establish 1 ha high diversity patch of native tussock and irongrass Grassland

Total Estimated Cost: \$42,000

Funding Sought: \$20,000

Location of Project: Powerline corridor between Rebbeck/Phillips Rd and Calton Rd Gawler East

Summary of Project:

The project will establish 1 hectare of high diversity native grassland as an example of original pre 1839 (Gawler town established) grassland which was the dominant ecological community in the region.

Significant remnant areas of native grassland around Gawler mostly occur in uncultivated banks of rivers/creeks or the 1859 Gawler to Freeling rail corridors. They are small, fragmented and with diminished native flora diversity resulting from grazing, weeds and human development or other impacts. The Gawler Council Biodiversity Plan 2019 has mapped the extent of original grassland and identified restoration and education activities as a high priority in future years.

The project will use an innovative topsoil scraping process to remove the weed seed bank and high fertility in the topsoil to provide a seedbed for immediate establishment of over 100 species of native grassland plants. About half by direct seeding in late autumn – species where seed quantities will be available and fairly reliable for direct seeding; and half by tubestock planting – species which will be most efficiently planted in small patches to assist establishment, management and public education.

The project proposed will be completed in the grant timeframe but this establishment phase will be the start of a community managed project which will be ongoing over many years to provide hands on experiences in identifying and managing both native species and weeds.

The EPBC listed “Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia” exists in the wider locality of the project – the project will provide an educational resource related to this community and an example of its appropriate management and restoration.

Outline how your project will deliver positive environmental & social outcomes and/or provide communities with the resources, skills & knowledge to care for the environment.

Environmental.

Native grasslands or Mallee Box grassy woodland ecosystems were the dominant ecosystems in the Gawler area along with the significant riparian corridors of the North Para, South Para and Gawler River. The removal of more than 99% of the grassy ecosystems in the region has removed habitat essential for many fauna species. While this project will not provide the larger scale grassy areas needed for some ecosystem reliant fauna such as Bustards, Plains Wanderers, Bettongs and Bilbies it will provide habitat for many species using grassy habitats including seed and insect eating bird species such as Diamond Firetails (SA Vul), Red-browed Finches, Pipits, Stubble Quail, Brown Quail (SA Vul), Lapwings (Plovers) which all have a local presence which this project will link to, many local reptile species and many species of invertebrates as well as some mammal species including bats. Some habitat enhancement on the perimeter of the site such as stones and small logs will assist.

Social outcomes.

The project will be on Gawler Council land which will allow ready public access. The project will involve a local community support group coordinated by GEHA. Public involvement and education will occur via publicity about the project to the local Gawler East and wider Gawler community, hands on involvement with growing the tubestock involved in the GEHA plant nursery, involvement in planting tubestock, ongoing maintenance of the site including additional planting over future years to increase diversity. GEHA has involved Kaurna Aboriginal community in projects since 2002 and Kaurna people will be involved in both the initial project and ongoing. Kaurna land management experience will be incorporated in the project. Interpretive signage on the site, articles in The Bunyip Community Environment Page, AMLR NRM publicity, Gawler Council and other avenues will promote involvement with the project.

Skills and Knowledge.

Understanding of the local environment, changes since 1839, methodologies in grassland restoration, flora and fauna interactions, seed collection, growing nursery species, community involvement, media publicity, dealing with local government, involving the Kaurna community and volunteer management are some of the many areas for knowledge and skills development.

Details of your community organisation (all details are required)

Organisation Name: Gawler Environment and Heritage Association Inc

Contact Name: Adrian Shackley **Contact Number:** [REDACTED]

Contact Email Address: geha1@bigpond.com

Address: [REDACTED]

Organisation's ABN: 74 257 715 541

Email to: Nick.Champion.MP@aph.gov.au

Subject of Email: CEP 2019 EOI Gawler Environment and Heritage Association Inc

Budget

Contract work from grant

Spraying weeds pre scalping

Scalping topsoil and relaying in nearby part of same reserve.

Seed approx 10 kg of seed – c 55 species.

Treating weeds post scalping including spraying as required.

Placement of some stones and small branches etc for extra habitat.

Direct seeding

Total \$20,000

Additional in-kind,.

Cash from Gawler Environment Fund if needed.

Tubestock plants additional supplied by GEHA c 50 species for winter 2020 4000 @ \$2 each. \$8,000.

Hole digging prep \$1 per hole \$4000

Planting, watering in etc with volunteers 200 hours \$40/hr \$8000.

Allowance for 10mm watering if dry at seeding seeding. 100 kl \$320, truck/operator 25 hrs \$2000.

Payment by GEHA from Gawler Environment Fund (part use of current balance c\$20,000) for any contract work plus volunteers for remainder.

Total apart from grant \$22000

