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Boundary Reform Review

Town of Gawler

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Background and objectives



Square Holes was engaged by the Town of Gawler to administer and analyse a community survey in response to a proposed Boundary reform. The survey objective was:

"To capture the community's sentiment on where the Gawler Community begins and ends, (where they feel connected to) and how they view Council's proposal for Boundary Change."

More specifically, the community of the Gawler Local Government Area is to be provided with an opportunity to comment on:

- Town of Gawler's long standing strategy to seek boundary reform to ensure the Communities that make up Gawler, and have a say in Gawler's
 future development, are provided with opportunities for participation, improvements in the way the community works and serves residents and
 provided with appropriate representation;
- Town of Gawler's Stage 1 Boundary Change Proposal that has submitted to the Boundaries Commission is focussed on uniting a significant part of the northern urban growth area surrounding Gawler into one community;
- The community's opinions on the Communities of Interest as expressed in the Proposal where do the community members feel connected to (where do they work, rest play, shop, learn, access services etc); should the identified Communities of Interest be part of Gawler; and
- If the community believes that it would be useful to have the boundaries of Gawler reviewed by an independent body which is the South Australian Local Government Boundaries Commission.

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Methodology and approach

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The research methodology consisted of an online survey.

The overall number of responses for the survey was 158 completed surveys a statistically valid response to conduct meaningful and robust analysis at an overall level with a margin of error of [+/- 7%], with a 95% confidence interval.

44.1% of survey participants were from the Town of Gawler.

Results were analysed and reported at an aggregate level, with segmentations to compare preferences of key audiences within the overall sample.

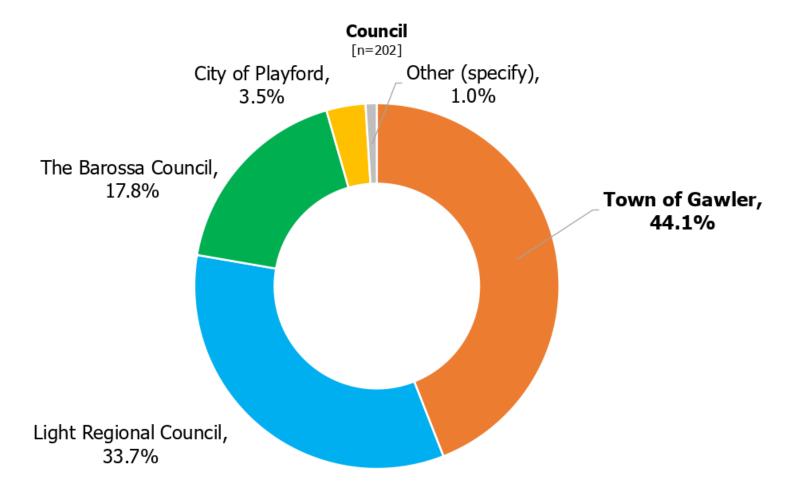
The research discussed and explored community sentiment on where the Gawler Community begins and ends and how they view Council's proposal for Boundary Change

This project was carried out in compliance with ISO 20252.

Survey Sample: Residents of the Town of Gawler and Surrounding Council areas					
Sample achieved	158 Completes 44 Partials				
Sample source	Town of Gawler website 'Your Voice Gawler', social media platforms and lists				
Distribution of survey	Town of Gawler				
Questionnaire length	<10 mins				
Margin of error	+/- 7%				
Collection Dates	26 th August – 9 th October 2020				

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Respondent profile



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Respondent profile n=202

Town of Gawler [n=89]			The Barossa Council [n=36]		Light Regional Council [n=68]		Playford =7]	
Suburb	% / n	Suburb	% / n	Suburb	% / n	Suburb	% / n	
Gawler East	19.1% [n=17]	Kalbeeba	67% [n=24]	Hewett	59% [n=40]	Evanston Park	57% [n=4]	
Willaston	18.0% [n=16]	Concordia	25% [n=9]	Gawler Belt	38% [n=26]	Uleybury	14% [n=1]	
Evanston Park	16.9% [n=15]	Other (specify)	8% [n=3]	Other (specify)	3% [n=2]	Other (specify)	29% [n=2]	
Gawler	10.1% [n=9]							
Gawler South	9.0% [n=8]							
Kudla	9.0% [n=8]							
Evanston Gardens	4.5% [n=4]	=4] Notes:						
Evanston	3.4% [n=3]	2 respondents were past residents of Gawler (totalling the 202)						
Gawler West	3.4% [n=3]		This survey contains 158 completed responses and the remainder are partially completed.					
Evanston South	Evanston South 3.4% [n=3]		Please note the small sample size of City of Playford, when interpreting graphs and data.					
Hillier	1.1% [n=1]							
Reid	1.1% [n=1]							
Uleybury	1.1% [n=1]							

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Executive Summary

Overall Summary

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The majority of **residents in the Town of Gawler are in strong support** of the proposal, yet adjacent Council area residents are opposed.

Those in favour have a general sense that those who use Gawler's services and infrastructure (many from outside of the Town of Gawler) should financially contribute to the maintenance of facilities.

Those opposed are those more aligned with their current Council area/ community and do not see the benefit in the change.

Key insights – Gawler Community



- 1 Over half (55%) of all respondents most associate themselves with the Gawler community, despite only 44.1% of all respondents identifying as Town of Gawler residents
- 2 Gawler services the majority of respondents for most shopping and community services
- From verbatim feedback of those who support the boundary reform, there is a general sense that it is more equitable for those who utilise the services and infrastructure in the Town of Gawler should help financially support them

"Local services should be delivered by our local council.
That Council is Gawler. One community, one council.

Setting our community up for success as we grow is vital and an essential role of our local government"

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Key insights – Boundary reform



The support for the Council's proposal was strong amongst Town of Gawler residents (68%)

- 74% of Barossa Council and 69% of Light Regional Council opposed
- 42% supported at a total level

The majority (65%) of the Town of Gawler residents agree with the efficiency of one Council management

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 - 78% of Barossa and Light Regional Councils disagreed
 - 39% overall agreed
- Town of Gawler residents were in strong support of most proposal aspects, yet residents outside these areas were more likely to oppose
- 4 Evanston Park was strongly supported (83%) by Town of Gawler residents to be included in the Gawler boundary
- Hillier, Reid, Gawler belt, Hewett and Kaleeba was supported to be included within the Gawler boundary by approximately half. This was stronger for residents of Town of Gawler
- 6 The majority believed **Ulebury should be excluded**

Proposal support by LGA



Agreement with the efficiency of one Council management	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
Total	39%	8%	49%
Town of Gawler	65%	8%	22%
The Barossa Council	11%	7%	78 %
Light Regional Council	13%	8%	78 %

Support for Council's Proposal	Support	Neutral	Oppose
Total	42%	9%	45%
Town of Gawler	68%	9%	20%
The Barossa Council	19%	4%	74 %
Light Regional Council	15%	10%	69%

Do you agree that it would be more efficient for one Council (Town of Gawler) to be responsible for managing the future growth of the greater Gawler Community, as opposed to the existing model that sees three Councils (Gawler, Light Regional and The Barossa) currently sharing that role?

From what you know or have been told, do you support or oppose Council's Proposal to have the South Australian Boundaries Commission further investigate potential changes to the Town of Gawler's

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Support for boundary reform

	Town of Gawler	The Barossa Council	Light Regional Council
	[% stro	ongly support + :	support]
Boundary reform could realign the footprint of Gawler to include adjacent areas already seen as part of the Gawler community and who already utilise services and infrastructure provided by the Town of Gawler.	76%	24%	18%
Areas suggested to be included in Gawler are Concordia Growth Area, Hewett, Kalbeeba, Gawler Belt (portion of), Evanston Park, Reid and Hillier.	71%	17%	15%
Areas suggested to be removed from Gawler are Bibaringa and Uleybury.	49%	17%	26%
Suggested changes to boundaries if Council proceeds would be investigated by the Local Government Boundaries Commission (an independent body). Council would fund the investigation as the initiating Council.	67%	31%	24%
The proposed realignment would allow Council to provide more comprehensive and competitive services to the community.	65%	17%	16%

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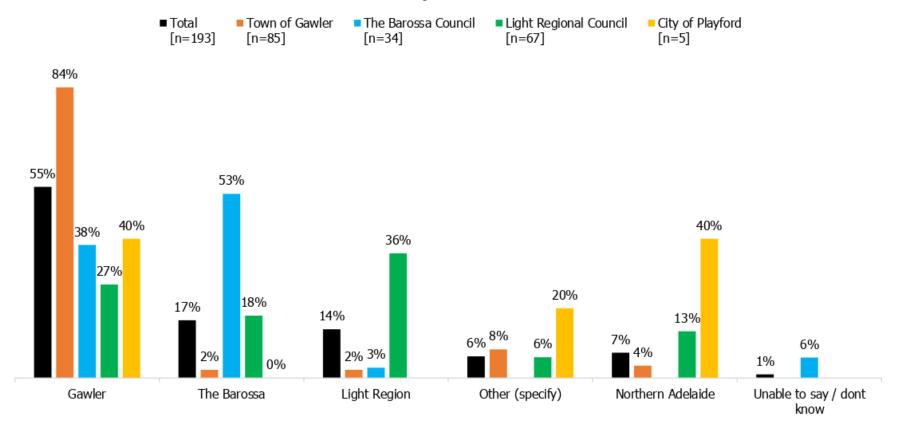
Survey Summary

Area/ community association



• 38% and 27% of Barossa Council and Light Regional Council residents most associate with the Town of Gawler





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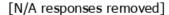
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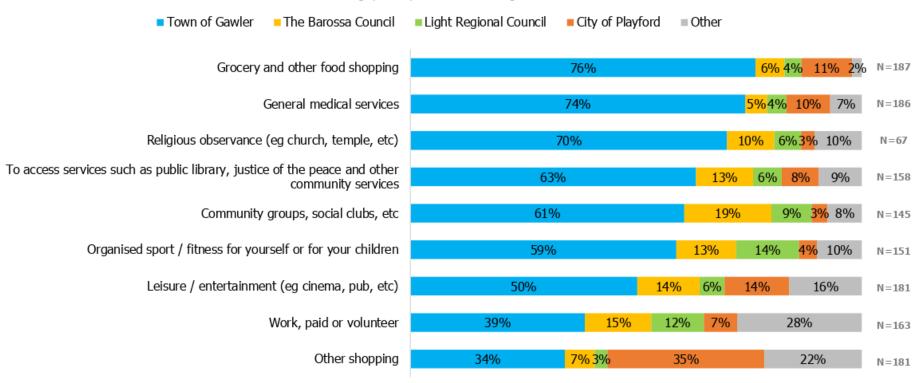
Area for activities

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 Grocery and other food shopping as well as general medical services are the two activities most commonly undertaken in the Town of Gawler

Main area to undertake the following activites:





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Where do you mainly as to undertake the following activities?

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Area for activities

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Town of Residence

[column %]

Activity	Area activity is accessed ♣	Total	Town of Gawler	The Barossa Council	Light Regional Council	City of Playford
	Town of Gawler	76%	87%	68%	70%	40%
Gracen, and other food channing	The Barossa Council	6%	1%	21%	6%	0%
Grocery and other food shopping [n=187]	Light Regional Council	4%	1%	6%	6%	0%
[11—107]	City of Playford	11%	8%	3%	16%	60%
	Other	2%	2%	3%	2%	0%
	Town of Gawler	74%	86%	70%	65%	40%
	The Barossa Council	5%	0%	21%	3%	0%
General medical services	Light Regional Council	4%	1%	3%	9%	0%
[n=186]	City of Playford	10%	10%	3%	9%	60%
	Other	7%	4%	3%	14%	0%
	Town of Gawler	70%	90%	55%	36%	0%
Religious observance (eg church,	The Barossa Council	10%	3%	27%	21%	0%
temple, etc)	Light Regional Council	6%	3%	0%	21%	0%
[n=67]	City of Playford	3%	0%	0%	7%	50%
	Other	10%	5%	18%	14%	50%
	Town of Gawler	63%	l 88%	47%	31%	25%
To access services such as public	The Barossa Council	13%	3%	47%	10%	0%
ibrary, justice of the peace and other	Light Regional Council	6%	1%	0%	21%	0%
community services	City of Playford	8%	4%	0%	17%	75%
[n=158]	Other	9%	5%	7%	21%	0%
	Town of Gawler	61%	86%	35%	32%	33%
	The Barossa Council	19%	4%	58%	24%	0%
Community groups, social clubs, etc	Light Regional Council	9%	4%	0%	24%	0%
n=145]	City of Playford	3%	3%	0%	5%	33%
	Other	8%	3%	8%	15%	33%

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Mhara da vari mainhi ao ta rindartaka tha fallawina activitica?

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Area for activities

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Town of Residence

[column %]

Activity	Area activity is	Total	Town of Gawler	The Barossa Council	Light Regional Council	City of Playford
	Town of Gawler	59%	82%	48%	35%	25%
Organised sport / fitness for yourself or	The Barossa Council	13%	3%	35%	19%	0%
for your children	Light Regional Council	14%	3%	9%	31%	25%
[n=151]	City of Playford	4%	4%	4%	2%	25%
	Other	10%	8%	4%	13%	25%
	Town of Gawler	50%	73%	26%	30%	60%
Leisure / Entertainment (eg cinema,	The Barossa Council	14%	2%	48%	11%	20%
pub, etc.)	Light Regional Council	6%	2%	0%	13%	0%
[n=181]	City of Playford	14%	10%	6%	25%	20%
	Other	16%	12%	19%	21%	0%
	Town of Gawler	39%	59%	28%	19%	20%
	The Barossa Council	15%	8%	40%	14%	0%
Work, paid or volunteer	Light Regional Council	12%	3%	4%	26%	20%
[n=163]	City of Playford	7%	5%	8%	9%	20%
	Other	28%	25%	20%	33%	40%
	Town of Gawler	34%	50%	26%	19%	20%
Other shanning	The Barossa Council	7%	1%	19%	8%	0%
Other shopping [n=181]	Light Regional Council	3%	1%	0%	6%	0%
[11-101]	City of Playford	35%	32%	32%	37%	80%
	Other	22%	16%	23%	30%	0%

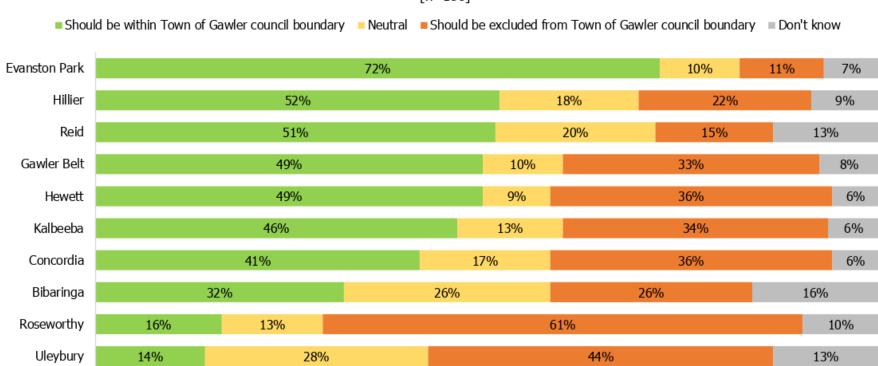
Areas for inclusion



Evanston Park was the area most believed should be within the Gawler boundary, whilst almost two thirds thought
 Roseworthy should be excluded

Areas for inclusion in revised boundary

[n=186]



Given your understanding of how people live, work and play, which of the following geographical areas would you say should be considered to be included within the Town of Gawler council boundary in a

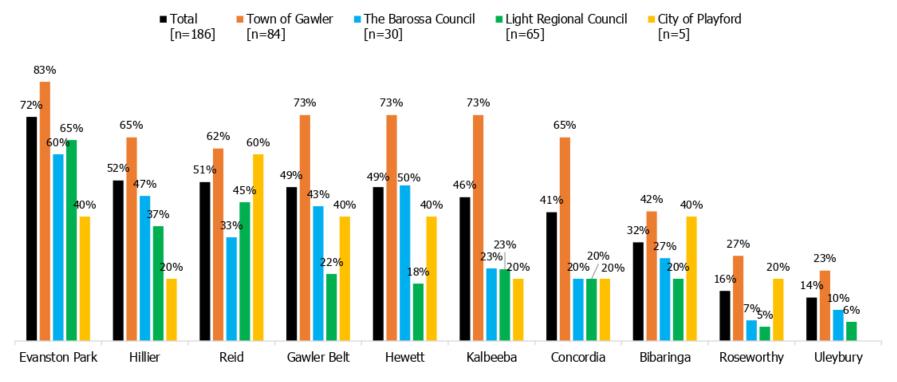
Areas for inclusion

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 The Town of Gawler residents believed all areas should be within Gawler boundaries more commonly than those from other councils

Areas for inclusion in revised boundary

[Those that responded 'should be within Town of Gawler council boundary']



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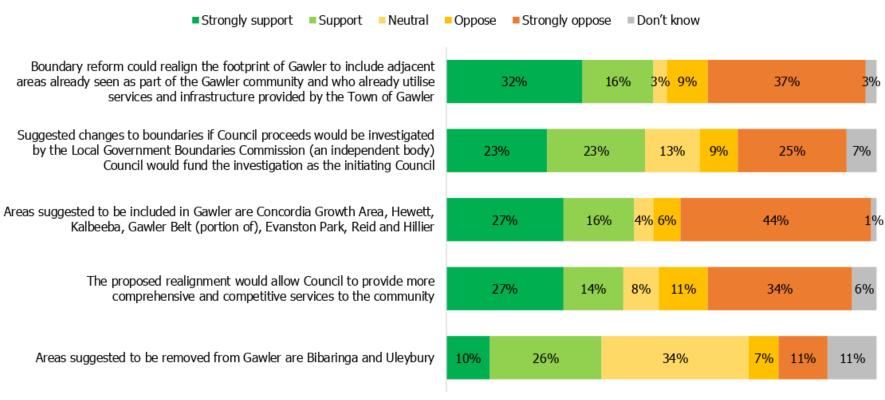
Council Proposal



Support and opposition were comparable across most key points in the Council's Proposal

Key points in Council's Proposal





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Military of the law points in Council's Droposed do you support or appased

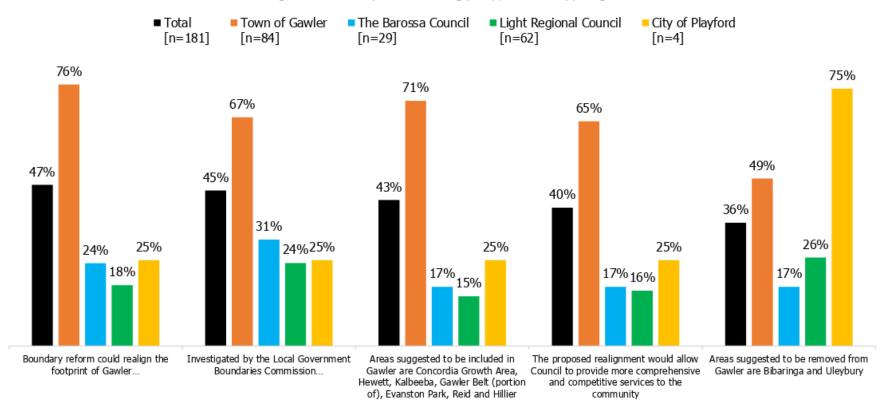
Council Proposal Support

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Town of Gawler residents were most supportive across all but one key point

Key points in Council's Proposal

[Those that responded 'strongly support' or 'support']



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Which of the less points in Council's Droposal de you support or appared.

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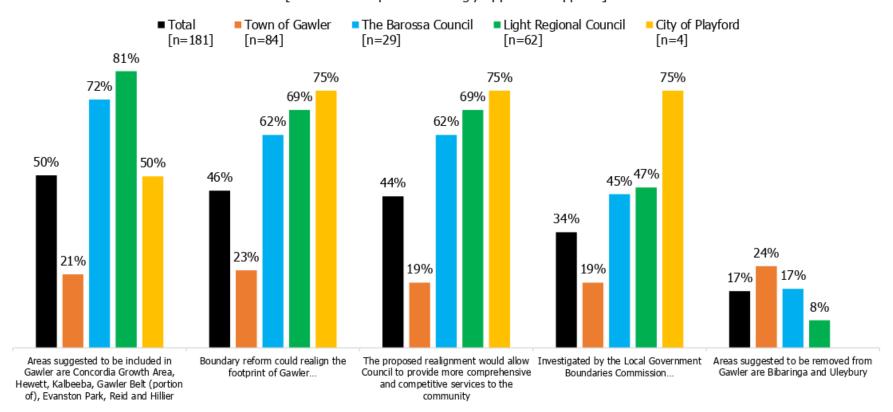
Council Proposal Opposition



Barossa and Light Regional Council residents are most opposed to the suggested areas for inclusion

Key points in Council's Proposal

[Those that responded 'strongly oppose' or 'oppose']



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Which of the low points in Council's Drangeral de you support or appased.

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Town of Gawler

Barossa, Light Regional and Playford combined

Key points in Council's Proposal	Support	Oppose
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The proposed realignment would allow Council to provide more comprehensive and competitive services to the community.	65%	19%
Support for Council's Proposal	68%	20%

Support	Oppose
20%	67%
16%	77%
25%	11%
26%	47%
17%	67%
17%	70 %

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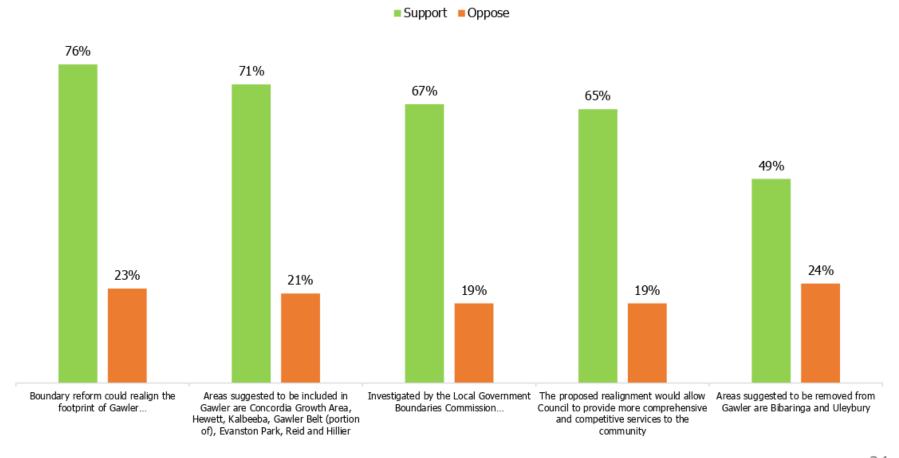
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Council Proposal: Town of Gawler Residents



Key points in Council's Proposal





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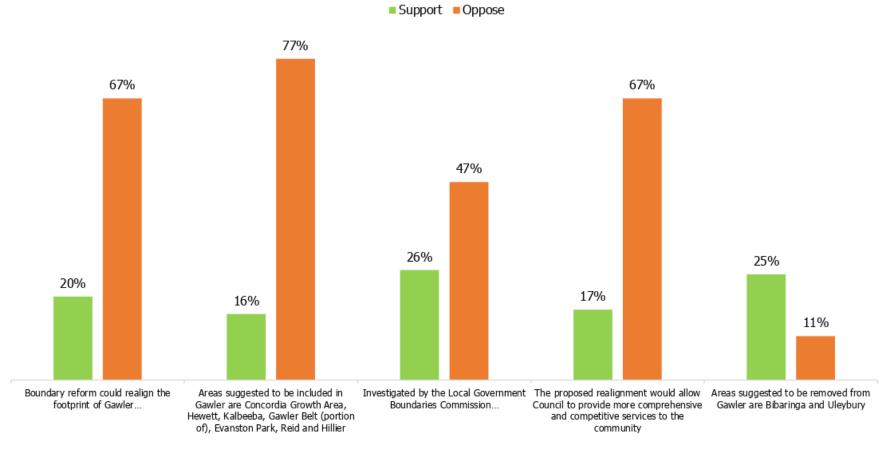
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Council Proposal: Combined Council's (excluding Gawler)



Key points in Council's Proposal

[Combined Barossa, Light Regional, City of Playford respondents, n=95]



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Boundary reform could realign the footprint of Gawler to include adjacent areas already seen as part of the Gawler community and who already utilise services and infrastructure provided by the Town of Gawler



 General sense that it is only fair that those who utilise the services and infrastructure should financially support them

"Generally people who live outside of the Town of Gawler use our infrastructure. Shopping, swimming pool, library, sports centre, roads, so why shouldn't they support the maintenance of these facilities?"

(Town of Gawler resident)

"Residents in other Council areas are using Gawler facilities at a cost to Gawler ratepayers. I support the Gawler Council having a larger footprint, as long as the efficiencies gained are returned to ratepayers through lower rates. Gawler are currently one of the highest charging councils in the state and this is not sustainable"

(Town of Gawler resident)

"Roads, rubbish collection, maintenance of facilities in Gawler is supported by Ratepayers in Gawler therefore all other areas using Gawler should also be ratepayers"

(Town of Gawler resident)



- Perceived mismanagement of Gawler Council and concerns regarding the service delivery if stretched across more homes
- Many believe the usage of services does not justify the realignment and the proposal is just a 'money grab'

"The current Council or decision regarding planning and restructure has been handled poorly in Gawler residence area, making it bigger would make the area even less productive and liveable" (Town of Gawler resident)

"The excuse that particularly Hewett residents are largely using Gawler facilities is unsubstantiated rubbish. Many of the rural ratepayers, also those in the Gawler council areas use Playford (Munno Para, Angle Vale, Playford alive) facilities. This is a clear cash grab by the Gawler council which has blown its own ratepayers money on wasteful junk like creepy hands, rusty shovels and no-walker place. Perhaps concentrate on mowing verges, picking up rubbish and cleaning up the grotty town of Gawler before inflicting your communistic attack on other areas which are clearly satisfied with their existing councils at a better rate"

(Town of Gawler resident)

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Areas suggested to be included in Gawler are Concordia Growth Area, Hewett, Kalbeeba, Gawler Belt (portion of), Evanston Park, Reid and Hillier.



 These areas are geographically close to Gawler and as before, those who support this point believe people from these regions utilise Gawler's services and infrastructure and therefore should pay council rates to support them

"Closest areas to Gawler and part of the local area for using all facilities in Gawler" (Town of Gawler resident)

"These areas border Gawler Council, use the facilities offered and contribute to the community through school, sport, shopping, and other activities. New residents often do not realise that they are not in Gawler. I have witnessed many complain to Gawler Council regarding Council matters only to be told they need to contact their own Council. This stuns and annoys them as they obviously feel part of Gawler" (Town of Gawler resident)

"I don't see people who live in Hewett going to Freeling to do their shopping or go to Roseworthy for a swim. They come to Gawler and use Gawler Infrastructure. They use our facilities, they should pay rates to us"

(Town of Gawler resident)



- Concerns around the current delivery of services and the impact including further areas will have on current residents
- Perceived better service offerings in other councils

"Part of Gawler Council till date have been waiting for curbing and other safety measures making the boundary bigger would be once again be effecting residents" (Town of Gawler resident)

"Gawler Council is money hungry and don't do anything for home owners" (Town of Gawler resident)

"Gawler is already congested enough - how will this better support long term residents? Gawler is looking extremely poorly kept at current - to the point where it is getting embarrassing. I think we need to focus on maintaining what we already have" (Town of Gawler resident)

"Council already cannot effectively and proficiently service within current boundaries" (Town of Gawler resident)



Areas suggested to be removed from Gawler are Bibaringa and Uleybury.



- These areas are geographically distant from Gawler and thus should not be included in the council
- Perception these areas are more closely aligned with other councils such as Playford and Munno Para

"Have always seen them as part of Playford/ Munno Para" (Town of Gawler resident)

""Playford City Council would be of a good service to them"
(Town of Gawler resident)

"In my opinion they're not part of Gawler"
(Town of Gawler resident)

"Better positioned to be in other Council areas" (Town of Gawler resident)



 Perception that Gawler Council is aiming to remove areas that are not profitable for areas that will boost revenue

"That means you want to buy something else... like I said, unless you can make rates cheaper instead of ripping everyone off them I suggest you get your hands off surrounding land. Councils like the Light Regional are at least well priced. People like me don't use Gawler services, yet are paying for it all" (Town of Gawler resident)

"Gawler needs to get with the program and demonstrate that it can look after the current areas it has. To date, Gawler has not done that"

(Town of Gawler resident)

"More money"

(Town of Gawler resident)



Suggested changes to boundaries if Council proceeds would be investigated by the Local Government Boundaries Commission (an independent body). Council would fund the investigation as the initiating Council.





- The expense falls with the initiating Council
- Independent and unbiased views of all stakeholders are able to be gathered

 Considered an unnecessary ratepayer expense and a waste of money, which Gawler has a perceived history of doing

"As initiating council is fair and just that Gawler council shoulders the cost" (Town of Gawler resident)

"I don't agree with the changes. And will be more wasted money by town of Gawler" (Town of Gawler resident)

"Gawler will benefit so it is only fair that they contribute. This should be supported by state government wherever possible"

(Town of Gawler resident)

"Us Gawler ratepayers are sick to death of the waste by Gawler council and subsequent rate increases. It's no wonder Gawler 'is the turd amongst the roses' when surrounding suburbs can see the rot within Gawler and don't want to be a part of it" (Town of Gawler resident)

"This definitely needs to be investigated by an independent body" (Town of Gawler resident)

"The Town of Gawler need to stop spending money, not spend more if it" (Town of Gawler resident)

"Need an impartial umpire" (Town of Gawler resident)



The proposed realignment would allow Council to provide more comprehensive and competitive services to the community.



- Increasing ratepayers with those who frequently use services and infrastructure is considered fairer and would lessen the burden on current members of Gawler Council
- Gawler would be able to improve the quality of services offered

"Additional rates would help maintain the community. The community that these residents are already using"

(Town of Gawler resident)

"It would shift the sole financial burden from Gawler ratepayers to a more fair and balanced contribution from all users of local facilities"

(Town of Gawler resident)

"Gawler is struggling to provide service to a standard expected by its residents and those that use its facilities. With expected and deliberate population growth in the proposed areas it is time to ensure fairness in the boundaries. Gawler has always been a regional service town but it is being unfairly taken advantage of by developers and other Councils"

(Town of Gawler resident)



- 'More comprehensive and competitive' is considered too vague for many, with no tangible plans to ensure this happens
- Some scepticism around how realignment would allow Gawler to dramatically improve their service offerings

"I am not convinced by this simple statement. It is easy to make a claim of this nature, I would want to see proof that the boundary changes will somehow minimise rate increases"

(Town of Gawler resident)

"This is a very open statement, it needs to be more specific" (Town of Gawler resident)

"We pay significant rates now and for years have requested our road be tarred with no success. We have hardly any services in Kudla and cannot see this changing whilst in hands of Gawler council"

(Town of Gawler resident)

"Because its a bs statement. ToG have no intention of providing more comprehensive services"

(Town of Gawler resident)

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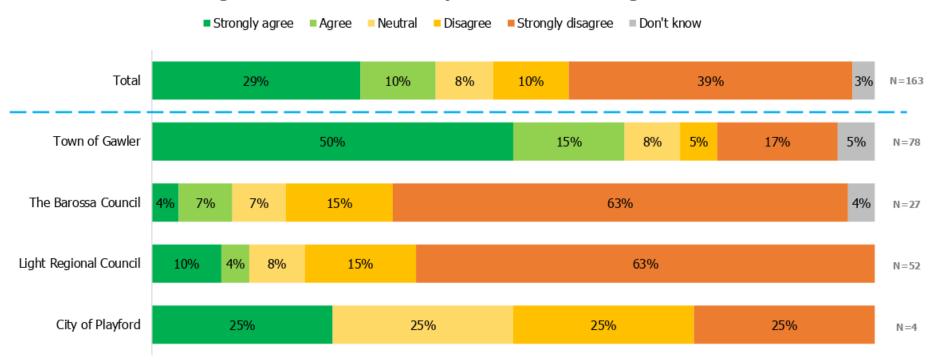
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Efficiency of one council management



- Almost half of respondents disagree that it is more efficient for one Council to be responsible for management
- Town of Gawler has the strongest agreement, 65%, whilst both The Barossa Council and Light Regional Council have under 15% agreement

Agreement with the efficency of one Council management



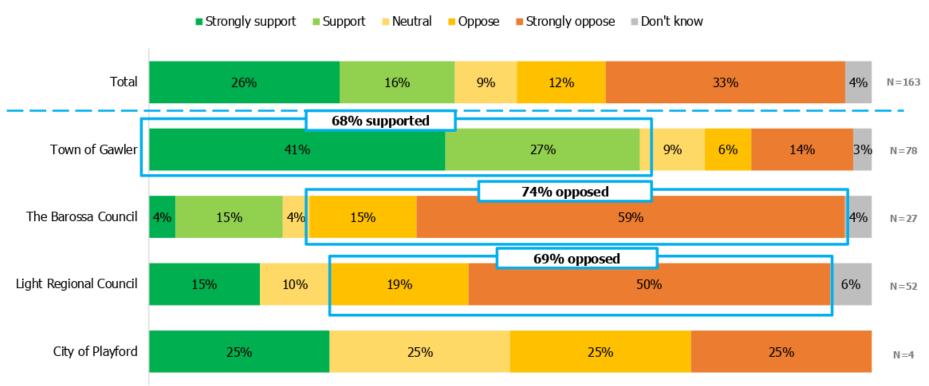
Do you agree that it would be more efficient for one Council (Town of Gawler) to be responsible for managing the future growth of the greater Gawler Community, as opposed to the existing model that

Support for SA Boundaries Commission to investigate changes



Whilst almost 70% of Gawler residents support the Council's Proposal, a comparative proportion of Barossa Council
and Light Regional Council residents oppose





From what you know or have been told, do you support or oppose Council's Proposal to have the South Australian Boundaries Commission further investigate potential changes to the Town of Gawler's

Support/ opposition for Council moving forward: **Town of Gawler Residents**



From what you know or have been told, do you support or oppose Council's Proposal to have the South Australian Boundaries Commission further investigate potential changes to the Town of Gawler's council boundaries?



- It makes sense for those who use Gawler's services and infrastructure to financially contribute to their upkeep
- Improved services in Gawler

"Many adjacent to Gawler use the facilities of Gawler without financially contributing. Gawler is the hub for these adjacent dwellers and they should contribute to what they use and access. It makes no sense them not being part of Gawler. Long overdue this change is" (Town of Gawler resident)

"Those living in close outlying areas would/ are accessing those services provided by Gawler council without contributing to the cost of these facilities. I'm hopeful that council will be able to provide my household with improved services" (Town of Gawler resident)

"This is VERY necessary, Gawler has grown so much but services aren't keeping up" (Town of Gawler resident)

"It's well overdue. Local services should be delivered by our local council. That Council is Gawler. One community, one council. Setting our community up for success as we grow is vital and an essential role of our local government" (Town of Gawler resident)



- Unnecessary cash grab for more ratepayers
- Limited confidence in Gawler to drastically improve services

"It has nothing to do with communities of interest and everything about more money to fund more wasteful projects, and long term will saddle ToG with the expense of acquiring the assets" (Town of Gawler resident)

"They do nothing to benefit those living within the council area" (Town of Gawler resident)

"What service level are we ratepayers receiving now? if we are servicing 110,000 ppl then what is taking on another 10,000 going to really do especially when this other 10,000 come with their own infrastructure to maintain. Again advancing with an independent review before doing your own due diligence seems to be on a path that may result on ToG spending thousands on a process that may come with a price tag that cannot be justified in the end"

(Town of Gawler resident)

(Town of Gawler resident)

"Gawler council should not have the right to dictate over areas it is not concerned with like Kudla, Evanston, etc. It should only be granted power over Gawler and further out properties not the Playford side. They have shown repeatedly their lack of interest in our areas and only sought changes for self gain" 33

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Community comments

Verbatim survey responses

Community comments: Town of Gawler

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- ALL of Light Regional Council should become part of Gawler Council.
- Amalgamation would make more economic sense As a country we are over governed A ward system with larger councils would be economically better with parochial representation One economist CFO for each council, north south east west and central would be a better outcome for SA (5 councils in total) deleting the need for numerous CEO's, mayors and councillors and adjacent staff
- As previously mentioned how does being a part of Gawler benefit those ratepayers being annexed? In terms of service delivery, efficiencies and reduced rates maybe a better model would be to amalgamate all three areas. This of course will not happen and will be opposed because of parochial interests.
- Better inform the community of the process rather than making incorrect accusations about the process
- Boundary reform is a big agenda item and the Local
 Govt Assoc. should be addressing the issue. It should
 consider 7 only councils for SA, city, north, east, south,
 west and eastern country and western country. We are
 grossly over governed and the money saved in
 repeated administration and associated costs could be
 utilized to benefit the rate payers. Brisbane City
 Council is a leader and should be used as a bench
 mark.
- Building a strong and healthy community 7nity requires

funding. Without these changes Gawler Council will struggle to meet the needs of its residents. It is time to readjust the boundaries to better suit the community's needs.

- Ensure future development and re zoning of land for growth and subdivision
 - Final Comment: I support the initial process of asking the Commissioners to investigate the issues to Gawler Council boundary extension. I realise this scoping study and is about planning for our town's future. I definitely believe in the strategy one Community on Council and think it wise that Gawler Council develops a plan to take us in to the future. I fell more secure that the 3 appointed commissioners are independent of any other planning body. I will be interest to see the range of topics they investigate. However, I remain concerned about the pressure urbanisation on Gawler's out skirts will have on our town, particularly if the large Concordia area is opened up for urban development. Gawler community once had heart and soul. Pays to b
- Gawler community once had heart and soul. Pays to be local is now non applicable with regentrification of the rich running tour lower income class.
- I feel like maybe there should be no fee if it is rejected, otherwise perhaps it could become a 'money-making' enterprise - rejecting proposals on minor technicalities and drawing out the time and cost.
- I get the feeling that the proposed changes are more about long term increases in the rate income for the

- council. It is interesting that the Council highlights that this is not about putting other Councils at economic disadvantage when it quite obviously will. I would need to see more evidence that the changes will actually benefit existing ratepayers.
- I hope it all gets through. I was not impressed that Nathan Shanks door knocked Hewett residents about how they would feel about being part of Gawler. Of course they would say no as their rates would probably be higher. He should have asked them where they shop, play sport etc. He was voted in by Gawler residents yet didn't ask us what we thought. Not a good look. Hopefully the council members will represent the Gawler rate payers and look pass their own agendas.
- I perceive this as a council cash grab. The overinflated and overindulgent council will enjoy the sense of grandeur they get from fleecing more ratepayers out of their hard earned. We need more steam lined councils who reduce expenses, rather than continually jacking up rates.
- I would like to know how much council pays to the CEO and his support staff. Anyone who gets over \$150000 per year should be sacked! 3 tiers of government is 1 too many to govern 25,000000 people. One has to go!

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Community comments: Town of Gawler

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- In theory I support the additions of the areas, etc,
 BUT... Will these potential additions lead to the same
 lack of basic services that current Gawler Council
 residents 'enjoy' in new areas. Things such as bins,
 water fountains, public parks, leisure facilities, street
 trees/vegetation and paths/trails are virtually non existent, even along the river corridor in most cases I
 see more areas with the same lack of care and
 attention in our future. Do those residents want that?
- It is actually very important to me that neighbouring suburbs have a say in the town they call home. This is something I know some share my opinion with however what if we find it costs our current ratepayers more to merely change a line on a map. What if this all happens and the very people we are taking over loose the level of service they are used to and may have been the very reason they bought into the suburb in the first place. There is a lot of 'what if' that could be investigated first as I believe the wrong message is being sent out at the moment. If a Light or Barossa resident did this survey what's stopping them from thinking well it actually makes more sense that we are • in charge of the future growth of the area? In the same way you just thought well that's just nonsense we need to ensure facts an figures are accurate because its not just Gawler Council that is effected by this and a. lot prefer being considered a Light, Barossa, Playford ratepayer. The question ToG should be seeking the answer to is why is that?

- It makes more sense to amalgamate Gawler with the Barossa. I see the survey questions as leading and lacking any notion of independence.
- It should not happen
- it's a difficult job to have all councils happy with an outcome but they all need to plan for the future and be more cooperative to resolve the issues involved
- Leave it as it is
- Make it happen, it is such common sense and the right thing to do.
- Needs to be progressed as soon as possible
- Not everything needs to be about boundaries however services and sporting facilities don't pay for
 themselves. If we can't realign to get synergies
 between facilities use and location of residents (and
 therefore the overhead cost to the council) then there
 needs to be consideration of alternative means to fund.
 Local sporting teams can't contribute much more as
 they have limited ability to pay.
- Progress
- Put Willaston under light regional
- Residents from other areas consider themselves part of the Gawler Community. Other use our facilities. Their own councils may not have what we have and so they use ours. All users need to contribute to what they use Seriously at minimum Evanston Park and Gawler Belt (ALL) and Hewett is a must for Gawler Council.
- Stop wasting your tie and ratepayers money
- the below questions (demographics questions) aren't

- relevant I am a rate Payer. that should be the only consideration
- The only other option to do so competitively would be for Gawler to be amalgamated with either Light or Barossa. They would at least respect Gawler's heritage while Playford would not. Playford would also not respect the contentious 'green belt'.
- There is much more than changing letter heads when changing Council and boundaries. Every ratepayer is affected and should not be landed with a massive blow out by going ahead with a well-conceived plan. On the other hand if Gawler can convincingly, with reputable economic reports, then we may eve have boundary reform and lower Council rates. (should be the aim).
- These changes should have been made in the 1990's when local government boundaries were last dealt with.
- This is important for Gawler and for future Gawler residents
- Town of Gawler, pull your head in and cease inflicting your delusional sense of entitlement on others who want nothing to do with TOG.
- Well done Town of Gawler on your vision and strength. Should have been sorted out years ago
 You should actually have a plebiscite after you provide us with information of our future rates, the costs you will incur and the benefits and losses this will cause us. It's more likely going to hurt us with your actions.

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Community comments: The Barossa Council



- Agree with the concept overall however as a resident in Kalbeeba I would prefer that a commitment was made to ensure our area remains an area with large blocks that are not sub divided into smaller subdivision. We built in a rural area which has gradually become surrounded by condensed housing. Overall we seek to maintain the rural surroundings we currently enjoy.
- After discussing with Gawler Council ratepayers, it is obvious that red tape would increase, there seems to be more negatives than positives to join Gawler Council.
 One instance is getting approvals for developments eg sheds. Gawler Council seems to hold up paperwork for simple things whereas Barossa Council speeds it u and real assistance in processing. I'm hearing not isolated cases. Does not encourage me to want to shift out of the Barossa.
- As a resident of Kalbeeba living on acreage, I am concerned how the suggested boundary reform may affect by rates.
- Don't change something that isn't broken. How about Gawler council for starters.....fix themselves.....and then look at sorting out all the Gawler problems instead of getting bigger. Until Gawler is perfect don't try and make it bigger
- Focus on core activity and sorting out your own internal factions before thinking about boundary reform.
- Good luck!

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- I am worried that the area of Kalbeeba could become another springwood over time.
- I hope Concordia remains with Barossa council
- I just don't agree that it is required or of community benefit. In the case of improving services, after living in charles-sturt council, I believe that the 'super council ' is a better option. Their services where outstanding, rates were very affordable, and encouraged other communities to utilize their services. I would propose Gawler people would be better served/serviced by removing the Gawler council altogether and combining with either Barossa, Light or Playford councils. This would improve services, reduce rates and save a fortune on overpaid council

- members with silly ideas to waste community money!
- I live in and associate myself with the Barossa. I live in a rural living zone, I despise the current in- fill happening around (next door) us. I would need to relocate if Gawler got there hands on the area with there attitude of sub dividing everything into tiny blocks. Australia is a big country. Stop the high density living.
- If you can show how this could lead to improve services in areas such as Concordia,

 I believe other residents will support the reform.
- It is disappointing to see good farming land turned into housing areas.
- The current Gawler council is wasting far too much money which they do not have on lawyers and disputes and on and on wasting money on Walker place, and the scrap metal entrance of Gawler after removing trees and then calling that we are having a climate emergency
- The Gawler Council wish to better manage a growing suburban population. I have grave concerns in their ability to manage, support and brand their Cereal Farmers and Primary Producers.
- This is not the first Gawler Council has tried to change Council boundaries and poach areas that would net them ore revenue. Many years ago Light and Barossa proposed changes but Gawler Council decided not to work with surrounding Councils, now they realise their mistake and are looking to poach areas like Hewett. But not surprisingly, rate payers want to stay in their current Council that are serving their needs well.
- Unnecessary waste of time and money. Just get on with the job you were elected to do.

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Community comments: Light Regional Council



- Do not progress
- Do not want the changes for Hewett to go through!!
- From media reports the TOG council is dysfunctional.
 Lots of money spent on questionable item. Southern entrance to Gawler, Walkers Place, CEO wanting backdated pay rise while still in contract, Council staff unhappy, constant infighting between council members. Why we want to become part of this?
- From what I see Gawler council don't maintain the streets and areas as well as light areas. I have been happy with light council
- Gawler's catchment area is far wider than its council area. Many people travel from the Barossa and Roseworthy to Gawler to shop. This does not mean that they should be paying council rates to Gawler for the privilege. The argument of roads needing maintenance seems strange because other than a section from Barossa Valley Way to 12th Street, major roads are under the control of DPTI and not council. The 15% increase in rates for same/lesser service does not hold up
- Hewett should not be in the Light council area.
- I have not seen a compelling argument put forward by the Town of Gawler that supports the reforms as proposed. But serious boundary reform that results in more comprehensive and competitive services to the whole South Australian community I support.
- . I live in Hewett and do not consider myself as part of

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the Gawler community so it is a false representation from the Gawler council to claim this without surveying the 'wider' community the claim to represent in this proposal.

- I really don't understand it completely ill admit but after being in Barossa Area for family sports and friends all our life our main objective when purchasing was to be apart of Barossa or Light Regional councils after hearing about Gawler council and the difference in our area to across the park is a big difference to us and reason we committed to purchasing a 30yr mortgage,
- I think the Gawler council should disband and the three = adjoining councils, Light, Barossa and Playford should = take over the existing boundaries.
- I would be more onboard with moving into the Gawler Council if the Gawler area was maintained to a much higher standard than it is now
- I would strongly oppose Gawler Belt being included in the boundary realignment. I am very happy with how Light Regional Council have served this community so far and I do not wish for rates to go up and other council regulations be changed which would may not be in this community's best interests.
- I'm disappointed the Town of Gawler is considering this. The Town of Gawler has become very dysfunctional. There is regular infighting and legal disputes by elected Members, the commentary on the

CEO's pay and allegations of bullying and harassment reflects very poorly on the organisation. Frankly, it's not a Council I wish to be a part of.

- In order for a business to expand and gain control of other businesses then it is prudent that it should first have all of its business operating efficiently. If not then it would surely fail.
- Just leave things the way they are! Gawler is just seeing financial gain with future subdivision in our area!
- Leave Gawler Belt out
- Leave it alone please
- Leave light regional alone don't change to Gawler Leave them as they are, Gawler council wastes to much money on the wrong things
- Please leave us alone. Unless a council asks for another council to take it over, then hands off! You have enough to take care of, and do it badly so please.
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Community comments: Light Regional Council



- See previous comment on GRFMA. Gawler floods and this needs to be managed responsibly. Traffic control in and around Gawler is an on going issue that has never been successfully resolved. More covered parking with shad provided by solar panels as Playford has done at Elizabeth. Public transport needs to be improved (keep the busses) electrify the rail line. Extend rail to Concordia area. Rates need to be affordable and not go up if any boundary re alignment happens. Totally integrated bike and walk ways, and continue the good work of creating open spaces. Do the linear park all down the Gawler River to link with the National Park on the coast. (An international tourist attraction to bring business to the whole area). More accommodation for tourism. Bigger dog parks. There should be a road around Gawler joining up Main North Road and the Stuart Highway, it could go over the raised dam the GRFMA intends to build on the North Para River. Etc.
- Stop putting yourselves first and start putting the community first. It's not about a different zone it's about different thinking. Ask the people what they want, not just the council members. Gawler needs more money for improvements, you can't just keep raising the rate in the dollar you need to look at the bigger picture. Your one of the smallest councils in SA, time to grow together with another council rather than steal from them. Expand and overhaul.
- Strongly opposed to boundary reform!
- Thank you for allowing public consultation and have our say
- There is nothing in the proposal to benefit the residents of Hewett.
- This boundary form needs to stop now, Hewett absolutely does not want to be apart of Gawler council in any way shape or form, get your greedy hands off!
- This is a rare time that I agree with a council proposal. Very sensible.
- This needs to be broken down as this boundary change is far to wide spread and is causing conflicting interests. I from Gawler belt / Roseworthy do no want a change but the people who are over 20mins away from me up in the Bibaringa/ top of Gawler May have different ideas! With the new road going in Evanston will definitely be there one stop area for all facilities.
- Use rivers as boundary
- While I strongly support the process in principle, I am concerned with: 1. level of service reducing. For example, parks and gardens and playground maintenance. There appears to be a large difference between Hewett and Gawler. 2. Council rates increasing, particularly if service levels were to reduce. 3. The in-fighting occurring in the Gawler Council Chamber. Appears to be a lot of money wasted on personal agendas rather than what's good for the community.
- Yes ToG keep your hands of Hewett!!! Nobody wants your mismanagement tainting our suburb!

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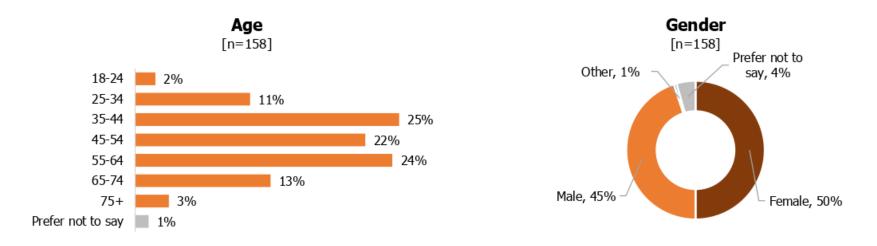
Community comments: City of Playford

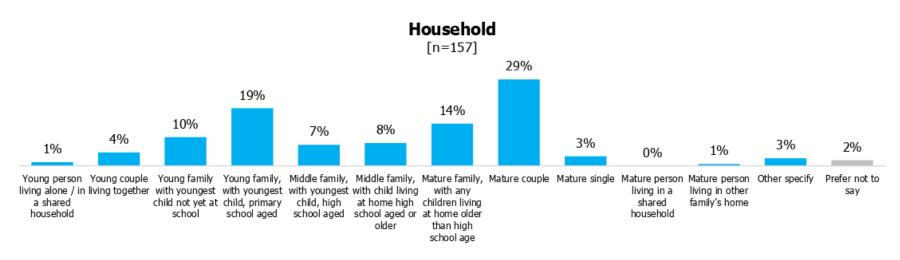


- Gawler council has a chequered history of poor management and I am concerned I will be disadvantaged by the move
- Gawler should review its proposal and if serious needs to propose all councils to realign borders in a state wide approach, don't do this alone.
- There is a need to consider zoning within the reform. We would be entirely within Gawler but with a Hills Face boundary dividing the one property. (Submission to follow).

Demographics

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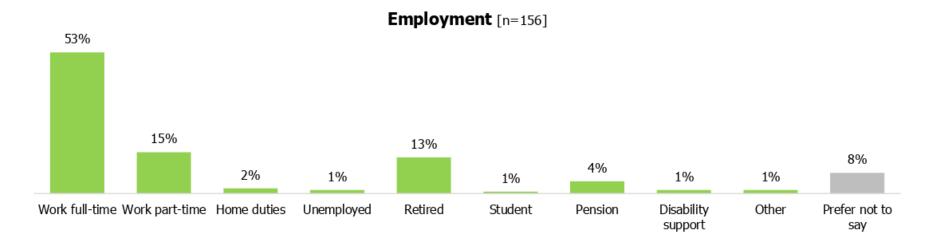


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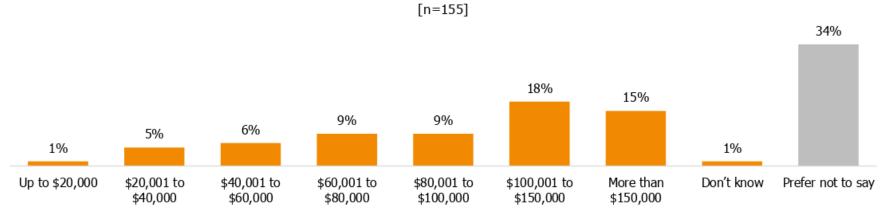
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Demographics

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Appendices

Questionnaire

Gawler Boundary Reform Questionnaire

Profiling questions

In which Council area do you live?

- Town of Gawler
- The Barossa Council
- Light Regional Council
- City of Playford
- Other (specify)

In which suburb do you live?

If the answer to the Council Area question was "Town of Gawler" then the following suburbs should appear for the respondent to select:

 - Bibaringa
 - Gawler South

 - Evenston
 - Gawler West

 - Evenston Gardens
 - Hiller

 - Evenston Heights
 - Kudla

 - Evenston Park
 - Reid

 - Evanston South
 - Uteybury

 - Gawler
 - Williston

 - Gawer East
 - Other (specify)

If the answer to the Council Area question was "The Barossa Council" then the following suburbs should appear for the respondent to select:

- Concordia
- Kalbeeba
- Other (specify)

If the answer to the Council Area question was "Light Regional Council" then the following suburbs should appear for the respondent to select:

- Gawler Belt
- Hewett

- Reid
- Other (specify)

If the answer to the Council Area question was "City of Playford" then the following suburbs should appear for the respondent to select:

- Bibaringa
- Evanston Park
- Hillier
- Uleybury
- Other (specify)

If the answer to the Council Area question was "Other (Specify)" then we do not require a suburb selection.

Survey Overview

The greater Gawler area is estimated to increase in population from its current size of more than 23,500 to up to 60,000 by 2040. Gawler currently provides facilities and services to an estimated 110,000 people living beyond the Town of Gawler council area.

A change to State Government legislation in January 2019 means Councils are now able to consider boundary realignment to better meet the needs of their communities. Town of Gawler has developed a Boundary Change Proposal and key to moving forward with this Proposal is consultation with our community. It's important for us to understand where people feel connected to, what community means to them and whether they agree with the idea that, from a community, social, economic and environmental perspective, changing Gawler's boundaries just makes good sense.

Council is at the beginning of the Boundary Change process and we want your opinion regarding our Proposal. This survey is seeking your feedback on the types of community connections we share and if, from a community perspective, pursuing boundary adjustments is a good idea.

This short survey is part Council's Community Consultation process regarding Boundary Reform which is open until 5pm Wednesday 7 October 2020.

- What area/community would you say that you and others in your household most associate yourselves with?
- Gawler
- The Barossa
- Northern Adelaide
- Light Region

- Unable to say / don't know / other
- 2. Where do you go to undertake the following activities? (Show map or list towns)
- Work, paid or volunteer
- Grocery and other food shopping
- Other shopping
- Organised sport / fitness for yourself or for your children
- To access services such as public library, justice of the peace and other community services
- General medical services
- Playgrounds and walking / cycle trails (and other passive recreation)
- Attending or taking your children to childcare / school / other education
- Leisure / entertainment (eg cinema, pub, etc...)
- Food and dining (eg cafes, restaurants, etc...)
- Religious observance (eg church, temple, etc...)
- Community groups, social clubs, etc...
- 3. Given your understanding of how people live, work and play, which of the following geographical areas would you say should be considered to be included within the Town of Gawler council boundary in a revised model?
 Scale: Should be within Town of Gawler council boundary, Should be excluded from Town of Gawler council boundary, neutral / don't know
- Bibaringa
- Concordia
- Evanston Park
- Gawler Belt
- Hewett
- Hillier
- Kalbeeha
- Reid
- Roseworthy
- Uleybury
- Which of the key points in Council's Proposal do you support or oppose?
 Scale: Strongly support, support, neutral / don't know, oppose, strongly oppose

- Boundary reform could realign the footprint of Gawler to include adjacent areas already seen as part of the Gawler community and who already utilise our services and infrastructure.
- Areas suggested to be included in Gawler are Concordia Growth Area, Hewett, Kalbeeba, Gawler Belt (portion of), Evanston Park, Reid and Hillier.
- Areas suggested to be removed from Gawler are Bibaringa and Uleybury.
- Suggested changes to boundaries if Council proceeds would be investigated by the Local Government Boundaries Commission (an independent body). Council would fund the investigation as the initiating Council.
- The proposed realignment would allow Council to provide more comprehensive and competitive services to our community in an economically thriving community.
- For each of the key points in Council's Proposal that you supported in Q5: Why do you support this? (specify)

(specify)

Don't know

For each of the key points in Council's Proposal that you opposed in Q5: Why do you oppose this?

(specify)

Don't know

7. Do you agree that it would be more efficient for one Council (Town of Gawler) to be responsible for managing the future growth of the greater Gawler Community, as opposed to the existing model that sees three Councils (Gawler, Light Regional and The Barossa) currently sharing that role?

Scale: Strongly agree, agree, neutral / don't know, disagree, strongly disagree

- From what you know or have been told, do you support or oppose Council's Proposal
 to have the South Australian Boundaries Commission further investigate potential
 changes to the Town of Gawler's council boundaries?
 Scale: Strongly support, support, neutral / don't know, oppose, strongly oppose
- 9. For those who support:

Why do you support Council moving forward with the process? (specify)

Don't know

For those who oppose:
 Why do you oppose Council moving forward with the process??
 (specify)
 Don't know

11. Do you have any final comments to make in relation to the Boundary Reform and the Town of Gawler's Proposal?

Demographics: Age, gender, household composition, income, employment status

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Response type	Response text	Response	Responder	User	Council response if question posed through Your Voice
(Submission/Question)		allow public?		suburb	Gawler consultation platform
Submission via Your Voice	Gawler Council's first detailed report in Sept 2019 on taking over Hewett from Light said one thing: Spend ZERO dollars more in Hewett charge the residents 15% more on their rates. I am a ratepayer in both Councils and was once broadly supportive of Gawler looking at Hewett. But that very first opportunity to argue it's case ToG chose to present it as what most have seen it as. A cash grab. But a cash grab that would look good on the revenue side with apparently NO idea on what the cost will be to take the assets. Arguing that you might have to fix a kerb because a truck delivering goods to a business damaged it and that someone from outside Gawler might have used that business means you should take over the place that person travelled from is nonsensical in the extreme. Staggeringly so. Arguing someone using a Gawler sports dub should be a Gawler resident means "good luck filling your teams". You need them to make these dubs thrive more than they need you. Every person I know from Hewett either drives straight out on to a DPTI road and bypasses Gawler to work or shop because they detest the traffic management of Gawler or they use Gawler infrastructure to engage in commerce or education nothing else. ALL of which earn Gawler plenty of revenue. The waste Gawler Council has overseen in the past three or four years has made me completely reassess my view on Gawler and Hewett. There is no way the residents of Hewett ably looked after by Light Council need to be hit with 15% rate rises following a takeover by ToG simply to allow ToG to continue it's chronic wastefulness and ignorance of it's community's needs and wishes.	No	Shane Bailey	Gawler	
Submission via Your Voice	This is unfair to those in areas that Gawler council have not developed. Light council have turned Hewett into a nice looking place. There is green grass decent roads and decent facilities. Gawler council WILL stuff this up to no end with their idiotic policies and fiscal mismanagement. Gawler council will destroy these nice areas and turn them into the wastelands that is the rest of the town. Redman and Inat need to resign immediately and stop wasting our taxpayers money on ridiculous things like this. I am actually embarrassed to say I live in this town because of the inability of this council to do what they are meant to do instead of wasting money. Once the new development at Roseworthy is built the people of Hewett will no longer waste their time in Gawler hopefully.	No	Ben McLean	Willaston	
Submission via Your Voice	Hello as a resident of Gawler Belt I am concerned about the possible change to Town of Gawler Council. I have tuned into	No	Shane Giles	Other (Outside	[section of comment redacted as it could identify the respondent]

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Response type	Response text	Response	Responder	User	Council response if question posed through Your Voice
(Submission/Question)		allow		suburb	Gawler consultation platform
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	some recent meetings of late and found some of the decisions			Town of	
	made less than satisfactory and issues with councillors and			Gawler)	
	knowing the Mayor wants to move on to other things also				
	creates alarms for me. It is common knowledge that Gawlers				
	rate in the dollar is quite high and obviously with such a small area covered by the Gawler Council boundary the need for				
	higher rates is obviously to create needed revenue from a				
	smaller than average base. After listening to the council move to increase their rates by 2.5% last night I fear a change in				
	council will inflict an immediate rate rise on us in Gawler Belt.				
	The surveyor General has just increased our value hence our				
	rates but the LRC has not increased our rates due to tough				
	times and the COVID situation. Gawler Council seems to have				
	no compassion in this area. At present we get little from our				
	council our verges are mowed and maintained by residents our				
	green waste is managed by ourselves and we have no				
	stormwater system to maintain. The main council input we				
	have is cleaning up rubbish that people dump in our area. We				
	have no parks no gardens no playgrounds and no facilities other				
	than that of Gawler and surrounding suburbs. But we chose to				
	live outside of Gawler for the fact we can bypass the town. The				
	road network is poor congestive and crowded. And then there's				
	the rusty scrap metal entrance statement that removed trees				
	for an industrial looking barron sculpture with no shrubs				
	flowers or trees replaced. Just like the new development in the				
	Main street centre full of concrete and a weak excuse for				
	landscaping. Was it 2.6 million wow did someone misread the				
	decimal point location on the quotes for that one when it was				
	approved? Gawler Belt is purely a regional semi rural				
	community and I believe via feedback on our Gawler Belt				
	Facebook page that's the way the locals want it to stay. Unless				
	there is a clear and definite benefit for our area and the Gawler				
	Council can explain exactly what that is why do we need the				
	change at almost certainly an extra cost? To me it would make				
	much more sense to amalgamate councils creating less top				
	heavy positions consuming so much money which could be				
	better spent on the township. With a larger pool of funds to				
	draw on larger projects could be delivered and budgets				
	increased where needed. I also don't agree with the councils				
	plan to change the rates of the Gawler East residents and think				
	it's appalling what your trying to do to the landowners. If the				
	Mayor owned this land would the same ideas be on the table?				
	So in closing I'd like to ask the council what does this mean for				
	us what will the cost to us be and what are the councils plans				

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(Submission/Question)		allow public?		suburb	Gawler consultation platform
	for Gawler Belt? With nothing offered it is hard to see any benefits to anyone only the Gawler Councils rate base and increased budget with little to no extra spending on the councils behalf after paying potentially \$300k + for the initial boundary reform. a sking what people would prefer over the last 19 hours 75 people have voted. 68 want to stay with LRC 4 want to move to TOG and 3 don't really care. I think this speaks for itself. My vote is a No unless TOG can give us a list of reasons why we would be better off what changes will occur how will our costs change and what are the councils long term plans for us as a community. Thanks Shane Giles shane.giles76@outlook.com				
Submission via Your Voice	I request for Hewett to stay with the Light council. The maintenance light council conducts on Hewett is to a higher level then Gawler council conducts on its Communities. I feel very strongly on this matter and would request to be kept informed.	No	Richard Gould	Other (Outside Town of Gawler)	
Submission via Your Voice	I do not wish to be part of the Gawler council because I think you have way too many homes and businesses to look after already and some areas of Gawler are just bad. Look after your Gawler area. We like the Light council in Hewett and we do NOT want to be with Gawler council. Thank you.	No	Kathy Lindsey	Other (Outside Town of Gawler)	
Submission via Your Voice	I currently live in Concordia and don't want to be part of Gawler. I previously lived in Gawler for 15 years and never want to deal with that council they are money wasting blood suckers.	No	Clay Donlon	Other (Outside Town of Gawler)	
Submission via Your Voice	As a resident of Kalbeeba we support the boundary reform as we use daily Gawler infrastructure and rarely use the Barossa or see the Barossa council in our area. We feel Gawler council would service us better.	No	Georgina Walter	Other (Outside Town of Gawler)	
Submission via Your Voice	Town of Gawler's Boundary Reform Proposal As residents of Willaston and Gawler East for over thirty five years we welcome Council's proposal to reform its boundaries. Our arrival in Gawler occurred soon after the last boundary reform and Council was able to commence several new services including the opening of the Gawler Public Library. In our opinion it is well and truly time to ask an impartial body to access the current situation. History shows that Gawler has always been a regional centre and that this has seen many businesses and government services locate within the town to provide for the large	No	Helen Hennessy	Gawler East	[names redacted]

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	community that regularly interacts with Gawler That is quite different to the provision of the large range of community services Council delivers to its rate payers; community services that primarily funded by a limited number of rate-payers. These are used extensively by people living in the neighbouring land developments that over the past thirty five years have been deliberately developed around the boundary of Gawler to give their residents access to the town's facilities. This looks likely to continue with proposed land development at Concordia. This inequitable situation leads to confusion when these non-residents seek to interact with 'their' Council. There have been many times when they contact Gawler Council only to find out that their Council Centre is located at some distance away. It also puts an unfair financial strain on Gawler Council when the Council is already expecting significant demand on its community services. It does not enhance a sense of community with the people who identify with Gawler. We strongly support Council in making the decision to progress to the next stage and see it as a worthwhile investment in Gawler's financial sustainability and community cohesiveness.				
Written submission – via website	See attached email dated 26 August 2020 (Attachment A)		David & Angela Barefield		
Written Submission – via email	See attached letter from Light Regional Council dated 31 August 2020 (Attachment B)		Mayor Bill O'Brien		
Written submission –via website	See attached email dated 13 September 2020 (Attachment C)		Chris Penfold		
Written Submission – via website	See email dated 15 September 2020 (Attachment D)		Anna Lobegeiger		
Written submission –via website	See email dated 16 September 2020 (Attachment E)		Chris Tuckwell		
Written submission – via website	See email dated 17 September 2020 (Attachment F)		David Baxter		
Written submission –via website	See email dated 17 September (Attachment G)		Nick Kafkoudas		
Written Submission –via email	See email attached 18 September 2020 (Attachment H)		Nicolaas Tesselaar		
Written Submission – hand delivery over counter	See letter dated 23 September 2020 (Attachment I)		Mark Thesigner & Jane Crothers		
Written submission –via email	See email attached dated 28 September 2020 (Attachment J)		John Bolton		[Invited to attend and speak during Public Forum at the Special Council meeting to be held on the 3 November 2020 – regrettably could not attend due to conflicting commitment].

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		publics			
Written Submission - vai Email	See email attached dated 29 September 2020 (Attachment K)		Gary		
			Iremonger		
Written Submission – via email	See letter attached dated 28 September 2020 regarding		Warwick		
	Concordia Urban Growth Area (Attachment L)		Mittiga		
Written Submission – via email	See letter attached from The Barossa Council for detail and map		Mayor Bim		
	of Springwood boundary adjustment development area map for		Lange		
	submission to Town of Gawler (Attachment M)				
Written Submission – via email	See submission Attached – dated 7 October 2020 (Attachment N)		A W Moulds		
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QUESTIONS RECEIVED Question via Your Voice	What are the TOGs plans for Gawler Belt both short and long	Yes	Shane Giles	Other	Q: What are the TOGs plans for Gawler Belt both short and long term? A
	term? How will our costs and rates be affected? What extra services or community infrastructure would be provided? Will we be required to maintain our verges or will the TOG service them? Will the TOG invest in community infrastructure such as playgrounds and parks and walking/biking trails? What changes should we expect from this boundary reform if any? Why do we need this?			(Outside Town of Gawler)	this stage Council is only proposing that the independent body of the SA Local Government Boundaries Commission investigates if the Gawler Boundary should be adjusted to include the areas of interest (one of which is Gawler Belt). Council is seeking to unite the communities who are strongly connected to Gawler and for all intents and purposes are part of the one community. This would provide an opportunity for representation of the Gawler Belt Community and allow greater input into the services and facilities provided by Town of Gawler. It is important to note that the review process will be a lengthy one and if the Commission and Minister approve any boundary changes it would be expected that there would be a transition period and possibly a staged approach to go through for various changes that have been proposed. Q: How will our costs and rates be affected? What extra services or community infrastructure would be provided? This information is yet to be determined and would only become clear after/during any investigative stage if Council were to proceed to Stage 3. Q Will we be required to maintain our verges or will the TOG service them? This information again is yet to be determined and would only become dear after/during any investigative stage if Council were to proceed to Stage 3. Q Will the TOG invest in community infrastructure such as playgrounds and parks and walking/biking trails? Town of Gawler invests regularly in community infrastructure such as playgrounds and parks and walking/biking trails? Town of Gawler invests regularly in community infrastructure such as playgrounds and parks and walking/biking trails? Town of Gawler invests regularly in community infrastructure such as playground in the current financial year. Council has committed and been successful in obtaining funding to connect the Stuart O'Grady Bikeway with The Barossa Trail. The design phase for this project is scheduled for this year with on ground worst to occur in the 2021/2022 financial year. Q: What changes should we expe

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					environmental perspective, boundary adjustment just makes good sense. The proposed realignment would enable us to provide more comprehensive and competitive services to our community in an economically thriving community where services and amenities are enjoyed by all. The proposed realignment is about making sensible decisions being more efficient in the delivery of services such as managing parks and open spaces roads and waste collection and delivering sustainable business practices. It makes good community and economic sense to adjust the boundaries to future-proof Gawler for generations to come. It is just one opportunity that Council is pursuing to create economic prosperity for the community and region.
Question via Your Voice	I am currently in the Barossa area zoned Rural Living. Will this change if your land grab is accepted? Will I still be able to have animals on my property? Will minimum block sizes change in this area (Kalbeeba)? Will Concordia residents loose their country vehicle registration status? At what point are the residents in the areas of proposed change going to be informed of what is happening? I found out through a friend. Does the Town of Gawler not have a duty to inform them? What is the rate difference between The Barossa Council and Town of Gawler if any?	Yes	Suzanne Cherry	Other (Outside Town of Gawler)	The Gawler Boundary Change proposal is not seen as a land grab from Council's point of view but a genuine effort to connect what we see as one community under one local government structure. The Proposal itself does not include any changes to current zoning of areas. If this boundary realignment is to come to fruition it will take a number of years, and within this time the Planning and Design Code will be introduced effectively removing all Development Plans across the state and replacing them with a consistent State-Wide Code. As a result there is unlikely to be any shift in planning policy. Will I still be able to have animals on my property? In line with the zoning requirements – yes. Will minimum block sizes change in this area (Kalbeeba)? As previously mentioned there is a new planning code being introduced shortly across the whole of SA and the code will be the same for both Light and Gawler Councils, therefore any change to occur would be the same no matter which local government area you were in. Will Concordia residents lose their country vehicle registration status? That would be a matter for the State Government At what point are the residents in the areas of proposed change going to be informed of what is happening? I found out through a friend. Does the Town of Gawler not have a duty to inform them? Currently Town of Gawler is in the very early stages although there has been extensive media in the previous 12 months and more recently advertising about the current consultation. At this stage, (Stage 2) of the State Government defined process is for Town of Gawler to advise and consult with its current community. Areas affected by the proposal which are external to our boundaries are contacted directly by the SA Local Government Boundaries Commission and are consulted with by the Commission in Stage 3 of the process if Council proceeds to the investigative stage.
					What is the rate difference between The Barossa Council and Town of Gawler if any?

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					Our finance manager is currently reviewing this data however the current rate difference is not truly relevant as the setting of rates is established on an annual basis and is a function of the adopted budget.
Question via Your Voice	With Gawler Belt; Buchfelde (the airstrip) both being outside of the Urban Growth Area and with no documented administration issues why is Gawler Belt of interest and not Buchfeld?	Yes	Alan Moulds		As below.
Question - email	With Gawler Belt & Buchfelde (& the airstrip) both being outside of the Urban Growth Area and with no documented administration issues, why is Gawler Belt of interest and not Buchfeld?	Yes	Alan Moulds		The majority of the Buchfelde area is considered larger broad acre farming operations which in Council's opinion fits more appropriately with the Light Regional Council's profile Gawler Belt is more densely populated with much smaller allotment sizes and does not lend itself to large broad acre farming but more urban fringe lifestyle allotments. For this reason the service level expectations are more that of an urban built up environment. The section of Gawler Belt which is predominantly larger broad acre holdings directly north of Redbanks Road has not been included in the proposal for this reason.

The Barossa Council response in context of the Section 26 Principles for Boundary Change (with regard to the Barossa Council areas only):

	Section 26 Provision	The Barossa Council comment	Town of Gawler comment
1	The resources available to local	Current proposal will have economic impact on	Whilst ToG acknowledge that there will be a
	communities should be used as	ToG and The Barossa Council in terms of revenue,	significant investment in achieving any
	economically as possible while	asset maintenance and administrative costs.	boundary realignment through the current
	recognising that desirability of avoiding	Further significant analysis is required should the	process the reality is that ToG is already
	significant divisions within a community.	proposal proceed. This will impact short term use	being impacted economically. With the

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		of resources and long term financial changes.	increasing pressures of urban growth both in
		There are currently higher and better us of	and outside of the ToG (particularly in
		limited resources than pursuing administrative	regards to Concordia) a strategic move to
		reform.	realign boundaries to unite the true Gawler
			Community now rather than in another
			decade or two when developing communities
			are already populated and infrastructure is
			already built is a greater long term risk and
			would present a more costly exercise.
2	Proposed changes should, wherever	Still to be determined through broader	To further strengthen a community by uniting
	practicable, benefit ratepayers.	engagement, again this would need to be	it and providing appropriate representation
		undertaken should the proposal proceed past this	at the local government level will provide
		round of consultation.	benefit to ratepayers. This will be achieved
			through economies of scale, equity in the
			community infrastructure being supported by
			the community members it serves and
			increased capability to appropriately scale up
			infrastructure to support the urban growth in
			the local area.
3	A council should have a sufficient	Linked to 1 above.	
	resource base to fulfil its functions fairly,		
	effectively and efficiently.		
4	A council should offer its community a	No comment, further analysis required.	See point 2 above
	reasonable range of services delivered on		
	an efficient, flexible, equitable and		
_	responsive basis.	50	7. 2 0.7
5	A council should facilitate effective	Effective planning especially land use planning is	The Barossa GI Zone is an area defined on a
	planning and development within an	considered best linked to the communities of	map by a subcommittee of an industry body
	area, and be constituted with respect to	interest. The development of Concordia is a clear	(wine industry) used specifically to identify a
	an area that can be promoted on a coherent basis.	target for ToG, however it is argued that the Council best associated with and in support of	product region for one specific industry. It extends into the Gawler LGA and comprises a
	conerent basis.	the Barossa Brand is not the ToG. It is best placed	
		with The Barossa Council to ensure a	significantly large portion of the Light
		collaborative and appropriate development	Regional Council area extending to Templers
		within the GI boundary and with a buffer to	and Freeling (location of the Light Regional Council's Freeling Offices Planning office and
		Gawler.	Works Depot site). It bears no relevance on
		Gawier.	community connections, service delivery,
			community connections, service delivery, community and cultural activities or
			community and cultural activities of community infrastructure etc.
		I	community infrastructure etc.

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			The Vision positioning the Concordia development does not represent a strong connection to the Barossa region, but emphasizes the connection to Gawler: "to create for Concordia, a master planned, resilient community with an urban form and morphology that captures and preserves the verdant, natural character of the Gawler hills, blended with the unique, historic and community identity of the existing Gawler Township."
6	A council should be in a position to facilitate sustainable development, the protection of the environment and the integration of land use schemes.	Linked to 5 above.	
7	A council should reflect communities of interest of an economic, recreational, social, regional or other kind and be consistent with community structures, values, expectations and aspirations.	Clearly the areas of Kalbeeba (excluding the Springwood development area) and Concordia are associated with the southern Barossa and the GI, separated by distance and the south Para. The economic basis of the area for now and the foreseeable 10+ years is clearly associated with the Barossa.	Linked to 5 above. Boundary Reform is a long goal vision – looking strategically at the future impacts of the urban growth and long term sustainability of developments in the urban growth areas around the northern boundary. ToG has been master planning for the future of the Council facilities and would be deficient in its planning if it did not review its long term sustainability to provide services for communities nestled along its current LGA boundaries.
8	A council area should incorporate or promote an accessible centre (or centres) for local administration and services.	Agreed and this can be achieved through collaborative models rather than expensive and divisive ToG strategy.	Collaborative models could be developed however for the long term planning of the Gawler Area collaborative models could fall short. Deficiencies can arise from the necessity to continually assess and renegotiate such agreements as competing strategic priorities present themselves over the long term and Administrations resourcing changes impact the long term outcomes.

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9	The importance within the scheme of local government to ensure that local communities within large council areas can participate effectively in decisions about local matter.	It remains to be understood how this will be achieved in the ToG proposal. The Barossa Council model sees all Councillors supporting the whole of community rather than sections thereof.	ToG model for representation sees all Councillors supporting the whole of the community rather than sections thereof. Currently however a portion of the extended community do not have voting rights to elect representation to assist in shaping the Community of Gawler that they are a part of due to being in another council LGA.
10	Residents should receive adequate and fair representation within the local government system, while overrepresentation in comparison with councils of a similar size and type should be avoided (at least in the longer term).	See point 9.	
11	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.	Agreed see point 8.	
12	The extent and frequency of previous changes affecting the council or councils under this chapter or the repealed act.	Not applicable.	

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Attachment A

From:

Subject: Boundary Reform Registration and Feedback Date: Wednesday, 26 August 2020 07:24:35 PM

Name: David & Angela Barefield

Area of Interest

(please select Gawler Belt

all that apply):

Email:

Clarification of Request:

I am seeking clarification on proposed changes for my area of interest

As a resident of Gawler Belt for 30 years we are strongly against the proposed boundary change from Light council into Gawler council. Light council has managed this area very well for many years and it should stay

with Light council.

Address: Phone:

Comments:

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Attachment B

Doc ID: 439559

31 August 2020

Mayor Karen Redman Town of Gawler PO Box 130 GAWLER SA 5118

Dear Mayor Redman,

Boundary Reform

Thank you for your letter dated 5 August 2020 with respect to the abovementioned matter.

KAPEL).

I note that the Town of Gawler's public consultation on its Boundary Change Proposals commenced on 26 August 2020.

I advise that your letter and Boundary Reform more generally was considered by Council at its meeting held on 25 August 2020 where the following was resolved:

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes this report;
- Acknowledges correspondence received from the Town of Gawler via Mayor Redman dated 5 August 2020 advising of the Town of Gawler's recent resolution with respect to its boundary change proposals and scheduled public consultation;
- Authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to provide a response to the Town of Gawler:
 - acknowledging the Town of Gawler's correspondence and recognises its intention to engage with its community on the question of its nominated boundary changes;
 - Advising that if the Town of Gawler's proposal is successful, it is Light Regional Council's view that this would have the effect of making Light Regional Council unsustainable, to the



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Kapunda Public Library and Visitor Information Centre 51–53 Main Street Kapunda SA 5373

Freeling Public Library and Customer Service Centre 7 Hanson Street Freeling SA 5372

Planning and Development Services 12 Hanson Street Freeling SA 5372

Operations Centre 11 Stephenson Street Freeling SA 5372

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detriment of this Council's ratepayers, its service delivery capacity and its genuine regional aspirations; and

- c. Requests that the Town of Gawler includes in any subsequent 'general proposal' submission it may make to the Boundaries Commission, a request that the Commission gives detailed consideration to service requirements (social, recreation, economic, regional) for the communities spanning the Town of Gawler, Adelaide Plains Council, Light Regional Council, The Barossa Council and (part) City of Playford areas (interpreted as being a part of the Town of Gawler's nominated region featuring "110,000 persons") and how these may best be met when factoring in present supply of facilities, forecast projects, current population levels and forecast population growth expectations (adjusted for trending including any COVID-19 pandemic related considerations).
- 4. Postpones consultation and surveying of the opinions of Hewett, Reid and Gawler Belt residents at this time, noting that the Town of Gawler is presently engaging with its community to investigate whether to submit a 'general proposal' to the Boundaries Commission and if it decides to undertake this subsequent action, the Commission will design a suitable engagement process involving the affected communities as a part of the Commission's detailed Inquiry with respect to such a proposal.

I would be obliged if you would consider this correspondence and in particular part 3 of the abovementioned resolution, to be Light Regional Council's submission to the current consultation phase on the Town of Gawler's Boundary Change Proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Mayor Bill O'Brien

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Attachment C

 From:
 Council (E-mail)

 To:
 Subject:

 Boundary reform

Date: Sunday, 13 September 2020 07:06:44 PM

Dear Sir/Madam,

The council is to be congratulated on undertaking the task of long—awaited boundary reform. I have nothing further to add to the justification for proceeding with this undertaking, aside from that provided in the information leaflet.

While it is unlikely to generate friends from our neighbouring councils, it is ethically the right thing to do, so I wish those well who will be driving this work.

Best wishes,

Chris Penfold

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Attachment D

From:

Subject: Boundary Reform Registration and Feedback Tuesday, 15 September 2020 07:33:51 PM Date:

Name: Anna Lobegeiger

Area of Interest

(please Kalbeeba

select all that apply):

Address:

Phone: Email:

I am seeking clarification on proposed changes for my area of interest

Please do not amalgamate Meadow Rd, Kalbeeba into the Gawler Council

area. I have lived here nearly all my life and value the 2.5 acre block we are able to raise our children on. I would not like to see Kalbeeba be divided into small blocks with colourbond fences, as has sprawled out this way, through the Springwood development. We live in the Barossa and our children go to school in the Barossa. Changing the boundary may inhibit their ability to access our preferred Barossa high school. Our children also play sport and music in the Barossa. While we may use some facilities in Gawler, none of the Gawler supermarkets can compare with Nuriootpa Foodland for space, range and community atmosphere. We used to purchase 'The Bunyip' religiously, but now decline this due to every edition having a dedicated article relating to the nature of the bickering of the Gawler council members. This is not a council area we have chosen to live in. We also choose to actively avoid using petrol stations in Gawler, whenever possible, as the prices are rarely comparable to nearby regions. Financially, we are renting, but have heard that the Gawler Council rates are greater than the Barossa Council's, which will impact our landlord and rent. Additionally, I also believe that our dog registration is also cheaper in the Barossa than

Gawler. There are many great things about Gawler, but we have chosen to be in the Barossa, and so please leave us with our Barossa identity in tact.

Clarification of Request:

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Attachment E

From:
To: Council (E-mail)
Subject: Boundary reform

Date: Wednesday, 16 September 2020 10:02:54 AM

The Gawler Council,

I strongly oppose the expansion of the Gawler Council.

From my long term observations, the Gawler council is, and has been for an extended period, hamstrung by personal agendas and infighting that make it an ineffective organisation that creates an escalating lack of confidence by rate payers and associated ever decreasing support of rate payers.

Issues including the extremely poor management of the bypass road, seemingly ongoing legal costs, an exorbitant CEO salary and a lack of real consultation with rate payers when necessary. Even when some consultation is undertaken there is an obvious unpreparedness to consider rate payer views when they differ from the council view.

In my opinion, rate payers in the existing Gawler council area would be better served with more cost effective and pragmatic administration if the Gawler council was disbanded and rate payers absorbed into the Light Regional Council and Playford Council.

Sincerely

Chris Tuckwell

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Attachment F

 From:
 Council (E-mail)

 To:
 Subject:

 Boundary Reform

Date: Thursday, 17 September 2020 04:43:30 PM

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to lodge my strong opposition to the referenced proposal.

Although I believe the act requires the Town of Gawler to consult with impacted parties, the Town of Gawler has made no contact with the Hewett residents to date and based on their reputation I suspect any contact will be minimal and any input ultimately ignored.

I note that the significant increase in rates that the Hewett ratepayers would incur (which would amount to approximately 13%) was brushed over as "premature" to discuss. This increase will amount to several hundred dollars annually for each property and for people on fixed incomes such as myself, will impose unnecessary hardship with no **actual** benefit to the Hewett residents.

I believe the first test in any boundary change must be a benefit to the ratepayers, either financial or in facilities. This proposal fails this test in both cases.

The proposal cites all the usual "benefits" which may as well be taken straight from a generic template. The following being some of these.

Public Libraries – Minimal to no use by Hewett residents and as the name would describe – already available to all of the public.

Roads and infrastructure – Equally available to all vehicle owners and pedestrians who visit the Town of Gawler.

Parks, Gardens, Bike tracks and Playgrounds – Already well provided and maintained by Light Regional Council.

Sporting Precincts - Generally used via sporting clubs which pay for the use.

Hewett residents frequent Gawler, along with Munno Para, Elizabeth, Tanunda and Nuriootpa (all located in other council areas) to patronise shops, restaurants, hotels and other commercial businesses, none of which are facilitated by the Town of Gawler.

The real reason that the Town of Gawler has proposed to annex Hewett is obvious to even someone with very limited intelligence. This is to redirect the in excess of \$2,000,000.00 in potential rate revenue from Light Regional Council to themselves. However this doesn't appear to be highlighted in their proposal. This loss of existing revenue to Light Regional Council would severely disadvantage the other areas within Light Regional Council and probably cause a significant rate increase for other rate payers. Again not meeting the "benefit to ratepayers" test.

The Town of Gawler has gained a reputation as having a dysfunctional council with constant bickering, infighting and waste of funds on code of conduct investigations, consultant reports that it ignores, infrastructure decision backflips, budget overruns and other follies.

The Light Regional Council has invested in and developed the Hewett area over some 20 years

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which is now in a mature maintenance phase with minimal new investment required. For the Town of Gawler to propose annexing this mature area having made no investment in it, is little more than theft.

Yours Faithfully,

David Baxter

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Attachment G

From:
To: Council (E-mail)
Subject: Boundary reform

Date: Thursday, 17 September 2020 05:17:27 PM

Well it's about time, I've lived in Gawler belt for the last 20 years and always use Gawler as our town for every thing. It's only right that you get our rates for the service you provide. GET IT DONE

Sent from my iPhone

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Attachment H

From:
To: Council (E-mail)
Subject: Boundary reform

Date: Friday, 18 September 2020 09:24:38 AM

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Boundary Reform Committee

Why does Gawler Council wants the areas around it?

Answer It need more money for all its excess expenditure on lawyers fees, and the way they want to leave its footprint for the next generations to come, at a huge cost, like fantastic looking footpaths, but can you afford it A well needed renovation for the council chambers, with lots of rooms for hire, but community organisations

Can not afford them. A functional Walkers Place, but council wanted to spent to leave its footprint at a huge cost. Was it nesserserly? And now community organisations have to pay to use it for a function at great cost, or council will have to foot the bill

Council rates for Gawler are 0.005161 cent in the \$. While our Barossa rates are 0.003489cent in the \$, which is about one third more in Gawler and the rubbish collection is \$229 in Gawler and \$173 in the Barossa, which has a lot greater distance to travel as the townships are greater apart as are the rural blocks in the country side.

40 Years ago we bought our land to start an agriculture enterprise, which later became not viable, but we have established our home on the 1 HA of land and now as retirees it will be more difficult for us to keep Gawler Council public service and its vision of leaving its footprint for the next generations

Nic Tesselaar

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Attachment I

Ms Kirsty Dudley Special Projects Officer Town of Gawler 43 High Street Gawler East SA 5118



23rd September 2020

Dear Ms Dudley,

Thank you for recently spending some time discussing the Town of Gawler Boundary Change Proposal as it relates to our property and more generally. After consideration of the proposal, and with our understanding of how it may affect us, we would like to submit to the Town of Gawler Council a proposal for consideration alongside and in conjunction with the Town of Gawler Boundary Change Proposal. This follows additional discussions with a Gawler Council Town Planner. We hope that the Council will see fit to give our proposal serious attention.

Firstly, Jane and I are fully supportive of the proposed boundary changes. They make a great deal of sense on many levels. We believe that any revision of boundaries as proposed could only result in improvements not only for those residents affected, but the community of Gawler more broadly. We would be directly impacted by proposed changes and believe that resulting outcomes would be positive and significant.

Our property is currently transected by the Gawler/Playford council boundary. This also happens to be the Hills Face zonal boundary. The majority of our land sits within the Playford Council and is deemed 'Hills Face'. Proposed changes to boundary alignment would place our property entirely within the Town of Gawler, a move that we would very much look forward to. It makes clear sense to us, that as a family who spends much of its time using Gawler services and facilities, we be aligned to the Town and support the Council in providing those services. It pains me that rates are currently paid to a Council with which we have little connection.

The proposal that we wish would be considered by Council relates less to the council boundary changes (which we support) but more to the Zoning issues we face. Part of the allotment lies within the Hills Face zone whilst another part is zoned Rural Living. Should proposed council boundary changes be accepted, our property would be entirely within the town of Gawler but be divided into 2 zones. It would seem an opportune time to consider a change to the Hills Face Boundary. I am not sure whether planning to date has given consideration to a situation such as ours, and any consequences to zoning that might result from proposed boundary changes going ahead.

We propose that the Council and any other relevant Authority, give careful consideration to an adjustment to the current 'Hills Face' boundary to bring it in line with established roads, Potts and Gawler One Tree Hill Roads, in conjunction with proposed boundary changes. We recognise that the Hills Face Zone is a valuable asset to the South Australian community and is strongly protected; however, the portion of our land currently designated 'Hills Face' is limited by the Gawler One Tree Hill Road to the north, Potts road to the south east and has smaller neighbouring allotments of 5 or 10 acres to the north west and south west. The Woodvale development, the new Bentley on Riggs subdivision (with blocks as small as 334m²) and of course the Gawler East Link Road Project are all within close proximity to our parcel of land.

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Given our unique position, the proposed boundary changes, current neighbouring zoning and surrounding recent, current and future developments close to our property, we would ask that the Council pursue changes to the Hills Face boundary as it pertains to the property at 266 Gawler One Tree Hill, Road Evanston Park, concurrently alongside or as part of the Boundary Change Proposal. It seems logical, given the information provided, that the entire property be zoned 'Rural Living" and sit entirely within the Town of Gawler. This would circumvent existing complexities of living firstly within two very diverse councils, but also the difficulties that result from living on a property split between two very different council zones.

We look forward to hearing from the Council and in the meantime, should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. We can be contacted as follows:

Mail: Email: Mobile:



Respectfully yours,

Mark Thesinger

Jane Crothers

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Attachment J

From:
To: Council (E-mail

Subject: Town of Gawler Boundary reformm submission to Council

Date: Monday, 28 September 2020 01:53:03 PM

Attachments: 2012 04 24 Public Council Minutes - attachment under separate cover "Greater Gawler - Gawler 2013" from

John B.pdf

Dear Gawler Council

I make my submission in support of The Town of Gawler proposal for boundary reform for the reasons set out in my previous presentation to Council and which can be found as an annexure to Council Minutes of the Council meeting. 24th April 2012

I re-submit my slubmission as I wish it to be part of the current process. It will be evidence to the Boundary Commission that Gawler citizens have been pursuing boundary reform of this nature and discussing it for some time. The local newspaper, The Bunyip reported on this a number of times over the years before the current proposal.. Indeed it was a well discussed local government election issue.

My submission was also provided by way of formal service at the time (April 2012) to the District Council of Light and to the Barossa Council where it caused something of a furore - but they cannot deny substantial, many years, prior warning of the proposal...

I seek leave to be heard by Council when next it further considers the matter In Council Meeting.

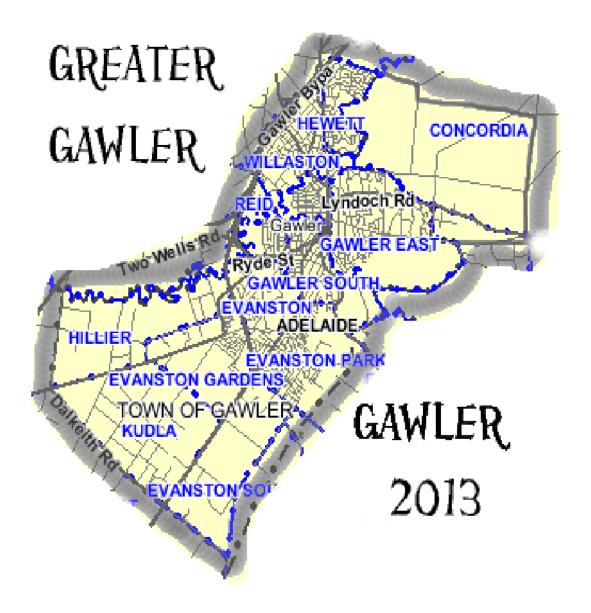
John Bolton Barrister, Solicitor, Public Notary, Resident of Gawler Town Centre and formerly of Gawler Belt, Kalbeeba and Concordia





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A Proposal that

the external boundary of The Town of Gawler be altered to include Hewett and (part of) Concordia

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John Bolton

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A Proposal that

the external boundary of The Town of Gawler be altered

to include Hewett and (part of) Concordia

The objective of this document is to persuade the Town of Gawler Council that it should support a submission to The Boundary Adjustment Facilitation Panel that the external boundary of The Town of Gawler be altered to include Hewett and (part of) Concordia

Two submissions to The Boundary Adjustment Facilitation Panel are required as there are two adjacent Councils that are affected.

The submissions should be submitted concurrently with a request to the Boundary Adjustment Facilitation Panel (BAFP) that they be inquired into and heard together.

The areas are identified in the maps attached. The cover map shows the new Greater Gawler boundary of the Town of Gawler. The enclosed maps show the two affected areas.

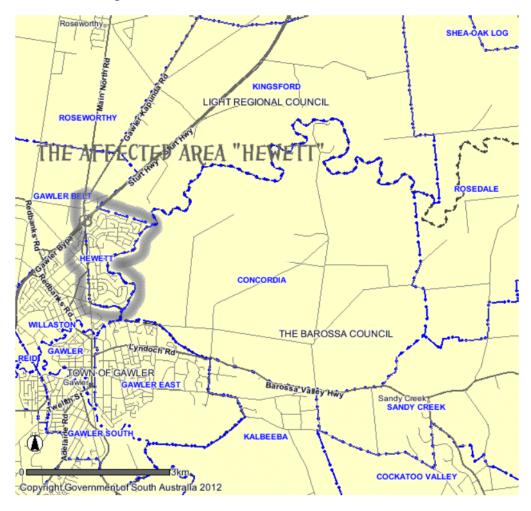
Each of the submissions to the BAFP are drafted and attached. They need only to be completed with 20 electors names and addresses which should include 5 electors from each of the affected areas.

All that Council needs to do is to support the proposal.

- The 30 year plan for Greater Adelaide, identifies Gawler as including both of the affected areas of Concordia and Hewett identically to this proposal.
- Therefore, this proposal should not unduly spoil relationships between the Gawler Council and the relinquishing Councils because this is not Council's idea. It is a ratepayer proposal for something already included in the State's Plan.
- A Local Government is not able to make an application for a boundary adjustment unless the all affected Councils agree. It seems from press reports that agreement is unlikely.
- 4. Ratepayers may make a submission to the Boundary Assessment Panel, in this case the application is for no more than a commencement of the implementation of the 30 year plan to include Hewett and part of Concordia in Gawler local government area.

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- The Town of Gawler has a deficit of rates relative to the population that it services. Gawler provides for residents of Hewett, Gawler Belt and Concordia but receives no rates from them.
- 6. The Town of Gawler has had to accept developments on its outskirts without having any planning powers relative to those developments.
- 7. The Town of Gawler, by necessity provides much of the social and town infrastructure for those adjacent populated areas.
- 8. The 30 year plan identifies further areas for urban growth at Concordia, adjacent to Gawler but in the Barossa Council.
- 9. The area of Hewett is now an integral part of Gawler in every aspect except being in the Town of Gawler for local government.
- 10. If Hewett and the 30 year plan development area of Concordia are included in the Town of Gawler Council area then Gawler can target an integrated plan for development and management which will benefit the Town and the Region.



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Some aspects of the submissions

These applications are not complaints against the relinquishing Councils. Statements are made for the purpose of supporting the submission that the objects of the Local Government Act and the designated functions of Local Government will be best achieved for the affected area, and the region, if the proposals are achieved.

The electors in the affected areas will be closer geographically to their centre of local government the administration offices of which are more closely associated with their centres of business, social, recreational, educational and health providers rather than the relinquishing councils centres from which they are geographically, topographically and socially separated by many kilometres, watercourses, hills and non-settled areas which intrinsically separate the communities associated with Gawler from those of the Light and the Barossa

On any observable measure or method of analysis the affected area of Hewett is indistinguishable from Gawler. It is associated strongly with Gawler by its geography, it is on the same side of the North Para River as Gawler's Willaston area, It is on the same side of the Sturt Highway as Gawler, a major national route as which is a very ready barrier between Gawler/Hewett and the District of Light. Social support organisations, are with rare exceptions, sought by Hewett residents within Gawler, not Kapunda Light.

The affected community already turns to Gawler for senior schooling, library facilities, sporting clubs, swimming pool, recreation centres and leisure and restaurants, shopping, police station and patrol services and the provision of business and services, mechanical repairs and so on. It can be reasonably asserted that the Town of Gawler already offers the community of the affected area a reasonable range of infrastructure and will most likely be able to efficiently expand its services to the area.

In addition it will provide the town of Gawler with the income rate base from the development that it will, in any event, be providing the infrastructure for.

The affected area of Concordia is already identified in the 30 year plan as part of the urbanised area of Gawler. **If Gawler is inevitably to have adjacent development as set out in the 30 year plan then it should not be urban sprawl,** by which the writer means generally un-co-ordinated ad-hoc expansion of urbanisation.

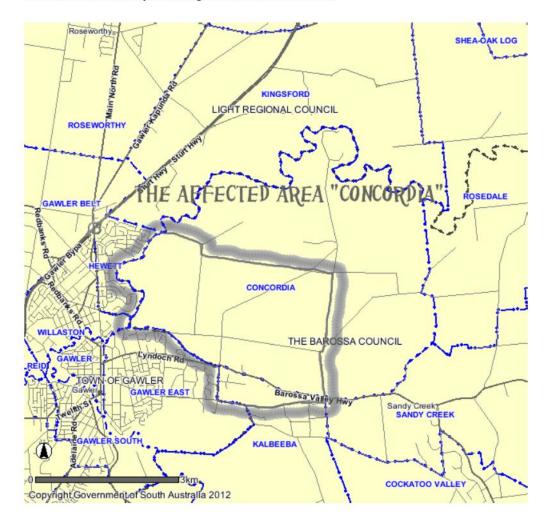
There is a real risk of urban sprawl around Gawler as the area to be urbanised while actually an extension of Gawler is currently in three separate local government areas.

This proposal will provide that the development areas already marked out in the 30 year plan by the State Government Planners will be brought in to the planning sphere of the Town of Gawler. It is much more likely that a single Council as planning authority will avoid urban sprawl and develop a more coherent and well planned urbanisation of greater Gawler.

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The "freezing" of development under the Barossa Valley Protection Area of the balance of the Concordia area means that there will be no further expansion to the east, towards the Barossa Urban Areas.

This must have the effect of further isolating the affected area from any association with the Barossa Council and substantially increasing its association with Gawler



The town of Gawler is already expanding eastwards. Early inclusion of the Concordia development area will assist coherent development. Under this proposal the receiving Council will become the planning authority for the already identified urban development area.

Local Government Act 1999

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PUBLIC INITIATED STRUCTURAL REFORM PROPOSAL

FOR

The alteration of boundaries of Council areas between the

TOWN OF GAWLER

AND

THE BAROSSA COUNCIL

Submission is made to the

THE TOWN OF GAWLER

AND

THE BAROSSA COUNCIL

for consideration and response

and to

The Boundary Adjustment Facilitation Panel

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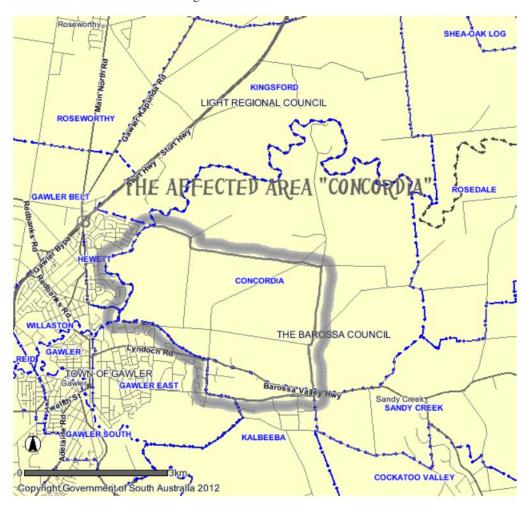
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An outline of the submission

It is proposed that an area of about 20 square kilometres used for limited agricultural activities and rural living as described and delineated in the projected urban development under the State's 30 year plan for the Town of Gawler and contiguous thereto be relinquished by the Barossa council to the Town of Gawler.

The "affected area" is as set out in the map below marked "the affected area CONCORDIA" and is described as.

An area of 20 square kilometres used for limited agricultural activities and rural living as described and delineated in the projected urban development under the State's 30 year plan for the Town of Gawler and contiguous thereto.



The "receiving Council" is the Town of Gawler.

The "relinquishing Council" is the Barossa Council.

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This "public initiated submission" to alter the external boundaries of the said Councils is made by not less than "20 eligible electors" whose names are set out in the schedule attached hereto each of whom have completed and signed the prescribed declaration.

The five people nominated in this submission to represent the interests of those who would be directly affected by any proposal in this submission are electors from the affected area and set out in the schedule attached hereto and headed "Nominated Representatives"

Grounds for making the submission

The objects of the Local Government Act 1999 are-

(a) to promote the continuance of a system of local government in South Australia under which elected local government bodies are constituted for the better governance of the State in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of Part 2A of the Constitution Act 1934; and

In pursuit of that objective the proposal will mean that:

the electors in the affected area will be closer geographically to their centre of local government the administration offices of which are more closely associated with their centres of business, social, recreational, educational and health providers.

the area set aside by the State Government for urban development which is contiguous to Gawler urban areas will be included in the Town of Gawler for planning purposes, rather than Barossa Council from which it is geographically, topographically and socially separated by many kilometres, watercourses, hills and non-settled areas which intrinsically separate the communities associated with Gawler from those of the Barossa.

(b) to encourage the participation of local communities in the affairs of local government and to provide local communities, through their councils, with sufficient autonomy to manage the local affairs of their area; and

In furtherance of that objective this proposal will mean that:

the electors in the affected area will be encouraged to participate in the affairs of the local government which is closer to them in geographical distance, fewer natural topographic inhibitors and the continuity of greater social and community connection with the receiving council than the relinquishing council

- (c) to provide a legislative framework for an effective, efficient and accountable system of local government in South Australia; and
 - (d) to ensure the accountability of councils to the community; and

In pursuit of that objective this proposal will mean that:

due to the substantial distance between the meeting places and council chambers of the relinquishing council there are natural communication barriers and inhibitors for electors in the affected area to attend frequently at council meetings or to attend in person to pursue their interests or to ensure accountability from the Barossa Council. The administration offices of the receiving Council are relatively much closer to the affected area and are in the Gawler township which is the urban area containing most of the social infrastructure utilised by the affected area community. This will promote a natural tendency to have greater involvement with and ensure greater accountability from the receiving council.

(e) to improve the capacity of the local government system to plan for, develop and manage local areas and to enhance the capacity of councils to act within their local areas as participants in the Australian system of representative government; and

The proposal will achieve this objective because:

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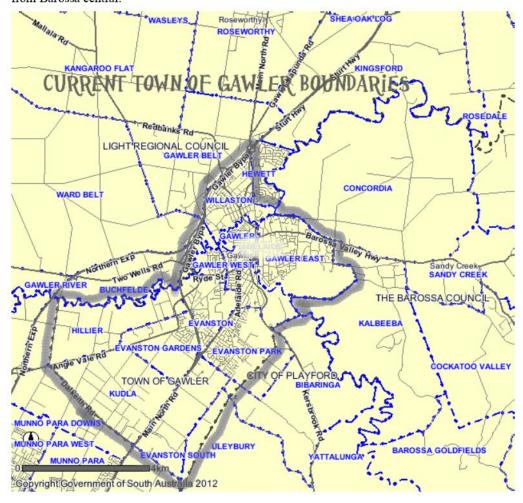
The affected area is the area contiguous to the Gawler urban area which has already been set down for urban development during the ensuing 30 years. Receiving the affected area will improve the capacity of the receiving local government to plan for, develop and manage the affected area. The affected area is physically local to Gawler, the receipt of the affected area by the Town of Gawler will enhance local governments capacity to act locally.

 (f) to encourage local government to provide appropriate services and facilities to meet the present and future needs of local communities; and

The proposal will achieve that objective because:

The affected area is clearly an "outlying area" to the relinquishing Barossa Council. All except a few roads are unsealed and many of those are unmade tracks.

The identified approved 30 year development area contiguous to Gawler and outlying to Barossa will need urban facilities. It is self evident that an extension of the facilities provided by Gawler to its current urban areas will more obviously be a local community provider than management from Barossa central.



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This application recognises that obvious minimum future need and projects the need for the future provision of appropriate services and facilities to meet the affected area's local communities needs. *The Local Government Act 1999* requires a projection to meet such future needs.

- (g) to encourage local government to manage the natural and built environment in an ecologically sustainable manner; and
- (h) to define the powers of local government and the roles of council members and officials.

The proposal will do this:

- by analysing, planning and managing the built environment from the perspective of the local community to which it will adhere, and
- •by ensuring an examination of the ecology which will be affected by the community most affected: i.e. the downstream community.

There is already upstream impact by residential, commercial, agricultural and viticultural practises on the major and minor water courses that flow through the affected area. There is great concern expressed that over the last 40 years the health of the North Para river system has deteriorated rapidly and substantially due to these up-stream practises. The whole of the affected Concordia area is a catchment area for the North and South Para River system whose confluence is in the town of Gawler.

The transfer of the whole of the land set out in this proposal will give the receiving council the opportunity to manage the built environment with the ecological environment to ensure that they not only manage the more intensely urbanised areas of Gawler central but are strongly encouraged to properly manage the upstream catchment area that they will inherit water flow from to ensure whole area is ecologically sustainable.

The principles set out in Section 26 of the Local Government Act 1999

- (1) The Panel should, in arriving at recommendations for the purposes of this Chapter (but taking into account the nature of the proposal under consideration), have regard to—
 - (a) the objects of this Act; and

This proposal has addressed the objects of the Act – above.

(c) the roles, functions and objectives of councils under this Act; and

These roles, functions and objectives of councils are largely set out in Sections 6,7 and 8 of the

Principal role of a council. Section 6 Local Government Act 1999

A council is, under the system of local government established by this Act, established to provide for the government and management of its area at the local level and, in particular—

(a) to act as a representative, informed and responsible decision-maker in the interests of its community; and

The proposers of this submission are of the view that the receiving Council physical proximity will promote a greater likelihood of more informed, representative and responsible decision making. For example, , the Barossa Council asserted in a recent proposal to the State Government regarding an inclusion of the whole of Concordia (with the exception of the 30 year plan area) in the Barossa protected area that they had consulted with all stakeholders. Many major landholders complain that they were not so consulted and in addition the boundaries of the Barossa Council's recommended area map attached to the Barossa Councils initial discussion paper were changed very substantially, and without any notice to ratepayers, in the said Council's final submission to government.

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 to provide and co-ordinate various public services and facilities and to develop its community and resources in a socially just and ecologically sustainable manner; and

To avoid repetition we refer to submissions above on proximity, extension of urban services from adjacent rather than remote areas and the better attention to ecological management of upstream built and natural environment by the downstream community. Residents in the area look to the receiving council for the promotion of the provision for Youth activities, and the promotion of the extension of public transport, aged care, hospital and health services from the responsible tiers of government.

 to encourage and develop initiatives within its community for improving the quality of life of the community; and

Gawler is reputedly the second fastest urban growth area in the State. The reception of the affected area will give the Town of Gawler the opportunity to develop initiatives for the future and enable it to take into account in its future planning sufficient geographical area. The Town of Gawler is receiving impact from urban communities on its fringes, such as the Light Council's Development of Hewett which it has not been responsible for planning and development of.

It is a better alternative to permit the Town Council which will necessarily have to provide the infrastructure, to also be able to plan the development of the affected area. This will improve the quality of life of Gawler focussed residents because central and outlying infrastructure will be planned under the initiatives of the central Council. It will encourage active planning rather than re-active planning.

- (d) to represent the interests of its community to the wider community; and
- (e) to exercise, perform and discharge the powers, functions and duties of local government under this and other Acts in relation to the area for which it is constituted.

These objectives are addressed above and not re-iterated here.

Functions of a council. Section 7 Local Government Act 1999

The functions of a council include—

 (a) to plan at the local and regional level for the development and future requirements of its area:

These particular functions of a council are congruent with objectives of the Act and have been addressed under that heading above.

(b) to provide services and facilities that benefit its area, its ratepayers and residents, and visitors to its area (including general public services or facilities (including electricity, gas and water services, and waste collection, control or disposal services or facilities), health, welfare or community services or facilities, and cultural or recreational services or facilities);

The affected area is largely rural and rural living with the limited Council services associated with non-urban living. The State 30 year plan provides for development adjacent to Gawler but in the current Barossa Council and remote from central Barossa. It would be most efficient to extend urban services from Gawler. The inclusion of the affected area will permit the expansion of appropriate selected services within the Gawler Council area for the affected area.

The affected area already is serviced by Gawler for all of urban town centre facilities and services in paragraph (b) (above) except for very limited rural provisions and utilities.

- (c) to provide for the welfare, well-being and interests of individuals and groups within its community;
- (d) to take measures to protect its area from natural and other hazards and to mitigate the effects of such hazards;
- to manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment in an ecologically sustainable manner, and to improve amenity;

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(f) to provide infrastructure for its community and for development within its area (including infrastructure that helps to protect any part of the local or broader community from any hazard or other event, or that assists in the management of any area);

These particular functions of a council are congruent with objectives of the Act and have been addressed above.

- (g) to promote its area and to provide an attractive climate and locations for the development of business, commerce, industry and tourism;
- to establish or support organisations or programs that benefit people in its area or local government generally;
- to manage and, if appropriate, develop, public areas vested in, or occupied by, the council;
- (j) to manage, improve and develop resources available to the council;
- (k) to undertake other functions and activities conferred by or under an Act.

These particular functions of a council are not being pursued by the relinquishing council (the RC) with respect to the affected area (the area).

The affected area is not being promoted by the RC. The RC has recommended to the State that all development in the area immediately adjacent to the affected area be frozen. The development freeze in the area is beneficial to Barossa central's development of tourism as it gives them a clear central set of destinations and focus.

Local Government and electors in the affected area must look to the future. The RC has a demonstrable record of not prioritising the area in pursuit of the objectives of the Act.

It appears that there has been little or no promotion of the area, there has been little or no attempt to provide an attractive climate or locations for the development of business, commerce, industry and tourism in the affected area, little or no attempt to establish or support organisations or programs that benefit people in the affected area, little or no development of public areas vested in, or occupied by the council

In conflict with the principles of the Act, it appears that with respect to the affected area there has been little or no attempts to manage, improve and develop resources available to the council or to undertake anything other than the bare minimum basic functions and activities conferred by or under any Act.

The proponent electors in the area are of the view that the area is part of the community of interest associated with Gawler and the statutory objects of local government will more likely be pursued if the proposal is accepted.

Objectives of a council. Section 8 Local Government Act 1999

A council must, in the performance of its roles and functions-

- (a) provide open, responsive and accountable government;
- (b) be responsive to the needs, interests and aspirations of individuals and groups within its community;
- participate with other councils, and with State and national governments, in setting public policy and achieving regional, State and national objectives;
- (d) give due weight, in all its plans, policies and activities, to regional, State and national objectives and strategies concerning the economic, social, physical and environmental development and management of the community;
- (e) seek to co-ordinate with State and national government in the planning and delivery of services in which those governments have an interest;

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- seek to facilitate sustainable development and the protection of the environment and to ensure a proper balance within its community between economic, social, environmental and cultural considerations;
- (g) manage its operations and affairs in a manner that emphasises the importance of service to the community;
- (h) seek to ensure that council resources are used fairly, effectively and efficiently;
- (i) seek to provide services, facilities and programs that are adequate and appropriate and seek to ensure equitable access to its services, facilities and programs.

The Proponents do not set out to make broad criticism of the relinquishing council as to the pursuit of its statutory objectives for what is widely recognised as the Barossa Central area.

There is a clear history of the affected area being marginalised from the Barossa Central Area and therefore their current Local Government.

One method of redressing this could be for electors in the area to adopt a higher profile within the Barossa Council and to ensure election of an area elector on Council. This method sounds well in principle but neglects decades of history, the practical realities of geography, the disproportionate distribution of electors between the central townships of the Barossa and the sparsely populated Concordia area, specially where no wards exist, and the very distinct difference of interests that the affected area has compared to Barossa central.

This is not a general complaint against the Barossa Council. The statements are made for the purpose of supporting the submission that in all aspects addressed the objects of the Local Government Act and the designated functions of Local Government will be best achieved for the affected area, and the region, if the proposal is achieved.

The proposers do not have the resources of the *Boundary Adjustment Facilitation Panel*. The proposers do not have all of the facts and details of issues available to them. They are by legal necessity under the provisions of *The Local Government Act 1991* a local interest group and therefore without substantial resources.

The proponents take the view that affected area is justifiably proposed. Notwithstanding the justification for the inclusion of the area it is an objective of the proposers that the BAFP use its capacity to gather further data for its consideration.

Section 26. PRINCIPLES FOR THE BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT FACILITATION PANEL

the resources available to local communities should be used as economically as
 possible while recognising the desirability of avoiding significant divisions within a
 community;

The affected area is best described as largely undeveloped rural farming land that has been identified by the State Government for urban development. The affected area is, by every assessment and measure best described as contiguous to the Urban areas of the existing Gawler and remote from any other existing urban area.

The proposal does no more than recognise the existing community of interest and provides for the movement of that community to the Council community that it already significantly relates to. By way of examples the postcode of Concordia is the same as the postcode for Gawler and the telephone numbers of Concordia commence with the same telephone numbers as in Gawler and the Gawler Golf Course is at Sandy Creek!

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The economics of providing for the projected urban development adjacent to the east of Gawler by the Gawler Council which already provides urban facilities and the opportunity to plan for their further provision in the future to the projected area have been addressed above and contrasted with the provision by the more remote and retarding effect of the development approach to the affected area by the current local government provider.

(ii) proposed changes should, wherever practicable, benefit ratepayers

The State Government has determined that the affected area is appropriate for Urban Development. It is seems that, like the Hewett Development, future urban residents will look to Gawler for urban infrastructure and social identity.

It is practical and appropriate that the rates payable, and the development fees be paid to and the planning process be performed by the Town of Gawler and that the ratepayers of Gawler benefit from the provision of such services to the affected area which is adjacent to them and would otherwise be burdensome on them.

Efficiency of provision of services and proximity to the council offices and the associated prospect of more inclusive development are factors that should be included In addition the social attachment to the Local Council area is more likely to promote voluntary social services such as member of community groups and service clubs;

 (iii) a council should have a sufficient resource base to fulfil its functions fairly, effectively and efficiently;

If Gawler is inevitably to have adjacent development as set out in the 30 year plan then it should not be sprawl. This proposal will provide that the development will be brought in to the planning sphere of the Town of Gawler and will provide the town of Gawler with the income rate base from the development that it will be providing the infrastructure for.

 (iv) a council should offer its community a reasonable range of services delivered on an efficient, flexible, equitable and responsive basis;

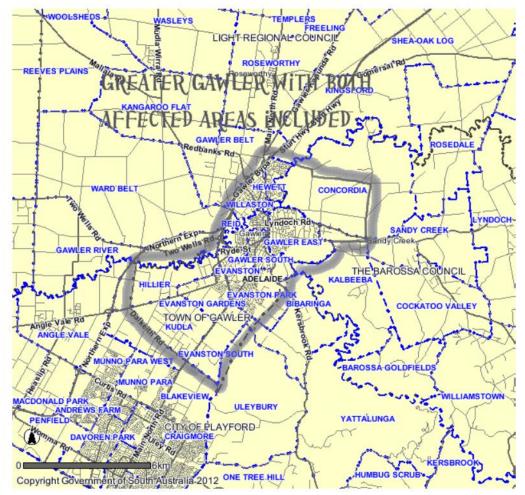
The services provided by the relinquishing Council have been discussed above. The affected community already turns to Gawler for schooling, library facilities, sporting clubs, swimming pool, recreation centres and leisure and restaurants, shopping and the provision of business and services, mechanical repairs and so on. That is not to say the central Barossa is not utilised as a destination but it is not generally speaking regular community usage, more of a visit. It can be reasonably asserted that the Town of Gawler already offers the community of the affected area a reasonable range of infrastructure and will most likely be able to efficiently expand its services to the adjacent area.

 (v) a council should facilitate effective planning and development within an area, and be constituted with respect to an area that can be promoted on a coherent basis;

These issues have been addressed above and are summarised here as: The relinquishing council has passively for decades sought lack of development and diversity in rural or urban development of the affected area. The RC has actively pursued the restriction of the development of further diversity by successfully submitting to the State, without any or adequate consultation with the electors of the affected area that the whole of the balance of the Concordia area should be frozen out of substantial types of development.

The town of Gawler is already expanding eastwards. Early inclusion of the Concordia development area will assist coherent development. Under this proposal the receiving Council will become the planning authority for the already identified urban development area.

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 (vi) a council should be in a position to facilitate sustainable development, the protection of the environment and the integration of land use schemes;

These issues have been addressed above and are summarised here as: The relinquishing Council is criticised for permitting activities which have caused the deterioration of the catchment area of the para river system. There is no intrinsic self interest component for the central Barossa to plan for the environmental protection of the catchment area as it flows away from them and the detriments to the system impact out of their sight. The Town of Gawler has a substantial self interest component in ensuring that planning upstream in the affected area is sustainable and protects the environment.

 (vii) a council should reflect communities of interest of an economic, recreational, social, regional or other kind, and be consistent with community structures, values, expectations and aspirations;

These issues have been addressed above and are summarised here

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The Town of Gawler has not been able to play any significant strategic role in the future of the area and, without the affected area of Concordia being relinquished to it, that impotence will continue.

By receiving the affected area the Town of Gawler will have its capacity enhanced to plan strategically for the area and be given the opportunity to play a significant role in the areas development.

The "freezing" of development in the Barossa Valley Protection Area of the balance of the Concordia area means that there will be no further eastward urban expansion, towards the Barossa Urban Areas.

This must have the effect of further isolating the Concordia affected area from any association with the Barossa Council and substantially increasing its association with Gawler

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1999 (SECTION 28) DECLARATION BY ELIGIBLE ELECTORS TO MAKE A PUBLIC INITIATED SUBMISSION TO CHANGE A COUNCIL'S EXTERNAL BOUNDARY, COMPOSITION OR REPRESENTATIVE STRUCTURE WE the undersigned declare that we are each an eligible elector in terms of section 28 (1) of the Local Government Act 1999, and that we support a public initiated submission being made to the [Insert name of the affected council(s)] proposing that: [Insert a brief outline in 1 or 2 sentences of the intent of the proposal being submitted]					
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PUBLIC INITIATED STRUCTURAL REFORM PROPOSAL

FOR

The alteration of boundaries of Council areas between the TOWN OF GAWLER

AND

THE LIGHT REGIONAL COUNCIL

Submission is made to the

THE TOWN OF GAWLER

AND

THE LIGHT REGIONAL COUNCIL

for consideration and response

and to

The Boundary Adjustment Facilitation Panel

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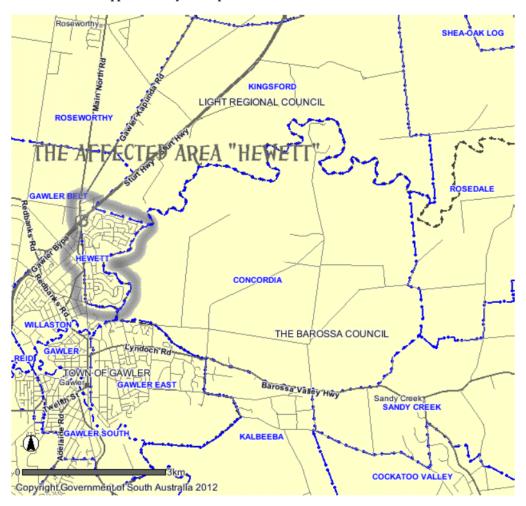
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An outline of the submission

It is proposed that the area known as Hewett, an urban area of about 2.5 square kilometres be relinquished by The Light Regional Council to the Town of Gawler.

The "affected area" is as set out in the map below marked "the affected area - HEWETT" and is described as.

An urban area of approximately 2.5 square kilometres known as Hewett



The "receiving Council" is the Town of Gawler.

The "relinquishing Council" is the Light Regional Council.

This "public initiated submission" to alter the external boundaries of the said Councils is made by not less than "20 eligible electors" whose names are set out in the schedule attached hereto each of whom have completed and signed the prescribed declaration.

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The five people nominated in this submission to represent the interests of those who would be directly affected by any proposal in this submission are electors from the affected area and set out in the schedule attached hereto and headed "Nominated Representatives"

Grounds for making the submission

The objects of the Local Government Act 1999 are-

(d) to promote the continuance of a system of local government in South Australia under which elected local government bodies are constituted for the better governance of the State in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of Part 2A of the Constitution Act 1934; and

In pursuit of that objective the proposal will mean that:

the electors in the affected area will be closer geographically to their centre of local government the administration offices of which are more closely associated with their centres of business, social, recreational, educational and health providers rather than Light Regional Council Council centres from which it is geographically, topographically and socially separated by many kilometres, watercourses, hills and non-settled areas which intrinsically separate the communities associated with Gawler from those of the Light

In addition, the area set aside by the State Government's 30 year plan for urban development which is contiguous to the eastern Gawler urban areas is sought to be included, by separate application, into the Town of Gawler. That application, in conjunction with this application will promote the continuance of a system of local government under which elected local government bodies are constituted for the better governance of the State in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of Part 2A of the Constitution Act 1934.

 (e) to encourage the participation of local communities in the affairs of local government and to provide local communities, through their councils, with sufficient autonomy to manage the local affairs of their area; and

In furtherance of that objective this proposal will mean that:

the electors in the affected area will be encouraged to participate in the affairs of the local government which is closer to them in geographical distance, fewer natural topographic inhibitors and the continuity of greater social and community connection with the receiving council than the relinquishing council

- (c) to provide a legislative framework for an effective, efficient and accountable system of local government in South Australia; and
 - (d) to ensure the accountability of councils to the community; and

In pursuit of that objective this proposal will mean that:

due to the substantial distance between the meeting places and council chambers of the relinquishing council there are natural communication barriers and inhibitors for electors in the affected area to attend frequently at council meetings or to attend in person to pursue their interests or to ensure accountability from the Light Regional Council. The administration offices of the receiving Council are relatively much closer to the affected area and are in the Gawler township which is the urban area containing most of the social infrastructure utilised by the affected area community. This will promote a natural tendency to have greater involvement with and ensure greater accountability from the receiving council.

(e) to improve the capacity of the local government system to plan for, develop and manage local areas and to enhance the capacity of councils to act within their local areas as participants in the Australian system of representative government; and

The proposal will achieve this objective because:

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The affected area is an area contiguous to the Gawler urban area which has already been developed as an urban extension to the Town of Gawler. Receiving the affected area will improve the capacity of the receiving local government to plan for, develop and manage the affected area. The affected area is physically local to Gawler, the receipt of the affected area by the Town of Gawler will enhance local governments capacity to act locally.

 (f) to encourage local government to provide appropriate services and facilities to meet the present and future needs of local communities; and

The proposal will achieve that objective because:

The affected area is clearly an "outlying area" to the relinquishing Light Regional Council. The distance from Hewett to the Kapunda, Light Regional Council offices is over 32 kilometres. The distance to the Gawler Council Chambers in the Gawler Town centre is 2.5 kilometres. A travel difference of 30 kilometres for those wishing to visit their local government office.

It is self evident that an extension of the facilities currently provided by Gawler to include Hewett areas 2.5 kilometres away will more obviously be a local community provider than management from Kapunda central 32 kilometres distant.

The Local Government Act 1999 requires a projection to meet such future needs.

- (g) to encourage local government to manage the natural and built environment in an ecologically sustainable manner; and
- (h) to define the powers of local government and the roles of council members and officials.

The proposal will do this:

- •by analysing, planning and managing the built environment from the perspective of the local community to which it adheres, and
- •by ensuring an examination of the ecology which will be affected by the community most affected: i.e. the downstream community.

There is already upstream impact by residential, commercial, agricultural and viticultural practises on the major and minor water courses that flow through the affected area. There is great concern expressed that over the last 40 years the health of the North Para river system has deteriorated rapidly and substantially due to these up-stream practises. The whole of the affected area is a catchment area for the North Para River system whose confluence with the South Para River is in the town of Gawler.

The transfer of the whole of the land set out in this proposal will give the receiving council the opportunity to manage the built environment with the ecological environment to ensure that they not only manage the urbanised areas of Gawler central but are strongly encouraged to properly manage the upstream catchment area that they will inherit water flow from to ensure whole area is ecologically sustainable.

The principles set out in Section 26 of the Local Government Act 1999

- The Panel should, in arriving at recommendations for the purposes of this Chapter (but taking into
 account the nature of the proposal under consideration), have regard to—
 - (a) the objects of this Act; and

This proposal has addressed the objects of the Act – above.

(f) the roles, functions and objectives of councils under this Act; and

These roles, functions and objectives of councils are largely set out in Sections 6,7 and 8 of the *Act*

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Principal role of a council. Section 6 Local Government Act 1999

A council is, under the system of local government established by this Act, established to provide for the government and management of its area at the local level and, in particular—

 (d) to act as a representative, informed and responsible decision-maker in the interests of its community; and

The proposers of this submission are of the view that the receiving Council's physical proximity will promote a greater likelihood of more informed, representative and responsible decision making. A resident of Hewett reports that he has been told that the relinquishing Council views Hewett as a satellite residential area and that therefore no substantial sporting facilities, such a local football oval will ever be provided locally to Hewett by the Light Regional Council.

 to provide and co-ordinate various public services and facilities and to develop its community and resources in a socially just and ecologically sustainable manner; and

To avoid repetition we refer to submissions above on proximity, extension of urban services from adjacent rather than remote areas and the better attention to ecological management of upstream built and natural environment by the downstream community. Residents in the area look to the receiving council for the promotion of the provision for Youth activities, and the promotion of the extension of public transport, aged care, hospital and health services from the responsible tiers of government.

(f) to encourage and develop initiatives within its community for improving the quality of life of the community; and

Gawler is reputedly the second fastest urban growth area in the State. The reception of the affected area will give the Town of Gawler the opportunity to develop initiatives for the future and enable it to take into account in its future planning sufficient geographical area. The Town of Gawler is receiving impact from urban communities on its fringes, such as the Light Council's Development of Hewett and Gawler Belt and formerly Kalbeeba to the east in the Barossa Council Area which Gawler has not been responsible for the planning and development of but provides the social town centre and infrastructure for.

It is a better alternative to permit the Town Council which will necessarily have to provide the infrastructure, to also be able to plan the further development of, and management of the affected area. This will improve the quality of life of the already Gawler focussed residents of the affected area because central and outlying infrastructure will be planned under the initiatives of a localised Council. It will encourage active planning rather than re-active planning.

- (d) to represent the interests of its community to the wider community; and
- (e) to exercise, perform and discharge the powers, functions and duties of local government under this and other Acts in relation to the area for which it is constituted.

These objectives are addressed above and not re-iterated here.

Functions of a council. Section 7 Local Government Act 1999

The functions of a council include—

(d) to plan at the local and regional level for the development and future requirements of its area:

These particular functions of a council are congruent with objectives of the *Act* and have been addressed under that heading above.

(e) to provide services and facilities that benefit its area, its ratepayers and residents, and visitors to its area (including general public services or facilities (including electricity, gas and water services, and waste collection, control or disposal services or facilities), health, welfare or community services or facilities, and cultural or recreational services or facilities);

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Leaving aside the provision of utilities the receiving Council already provides to the affected area, either directly, or indirectly by arrangement the services set out above. It would be most efficient to extend urban services from Gawler. The inclusion of the affected area will permit the expansion of appropriate selected services within the Gawler Council area for the affected area, from 2.5 kilometres away rather than 32 kilometres distant.

- to provide for the welfare, well-being and interests of individuals and groups within its community;
- (d) to take measures to protect its area from natural and other hazards and to mitigate the effects of such hazards;
- to manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment in an ecologically sustainable manner, and to improve amenity;
- (f) to provide infrastructure for its community and for development within its area (including infrastructure that helps to protect any part of the local or broader community from any hazard or other event, or that assists in the management of any area);

These particular functions of a council are congruent with objectives of the Act and have been addressed above.

- (g) to promote its area and to provide an attractive climate and locations for the development of business, commerce, industry and tourism;
- (h) to establish or support organisations or programs that benefit people in its area or local government generally;
- (i) to manage and, if appropriate, develop, public areas vested in, or occupied by, the council;
- (j) to manage, improve and develop resources available to the council;
- (k) to undertake other functions and activities conferred by or under an Act.

On any observable measure or method of analysis the affected area of Hewett is indistinguishable from Gawler. It is associated strongly with Gawler by its geography, it is on the same side of the North Para River as Gawler's Willaston area, It is on the same side of the Sturt Highway as Gawler, a major national route as which is a very ready barrier between Gawler/Hewett and the District of Light. Social support organisations, are with rare exceptions, sought by Hewett residents within Gawler, not Kapunda Light. Public areas, apart from smaller intra urban parks are sourced in Gawler and it is Gawler that provides local facilities to Hewett such as a library, swimming pool and sporting ovals, local police station and community recreation centres.

The proponent electors in the area are of the view that the affected area is part of the community of interest associated with Gawler and the statutory objects of local government will more likely be pursued if the proposal is accepted.

Objectives of a council. Section 8 Local Government Act 1999

A council must, in the performance of its roles and functions-

- (a) provide open, responsive and accountable government;
- (b) be responsive to the needs, interests and aspirations of individuals and groups within its community:
- (c) participate with other councils, and with State and national governments, in setting public policy and achieving regional, State and national objectives;
- (d) give due weight, in all its plans, policies and activities, to regional, State and national objectives and strategies concerning the economic, social, physical and environmental development and management of the community;

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- seek to co-ordinate with State and national government in the planning and delivery of services in which those governments have an interest;
- seek to facilitate sustainable development and the protection of the environment and to ensure a proper balance within its community between economic, social, environmental and cultural considerations;
- (g) manage its operations and affairs in a manner that emphasises the importance of service to the community;
- (h) seek to ensure that council resources are used fairly, effectively and efficiently;
- (i) seek to provide services, facilities and programs that are adequate and appropriate and seek to ensure equitable access to its services, facilities and programs.

The Proponents do not set out to make broad criticism of the relinquishing council as to the pursuit of its statutory objectives for what is widely recognised as the well managed and progressive Kapunda and Light District area.

But:

There is a clear and severe geographic affect of distance, together with an accident of history which has caused the satellite urban development of the affected area to be developed in the relinquishing council area while effectively being part of the receiving council and marginalised from the relinquishing Council by the tyranny of distance and the separation from the Light Council Offices by some 32 kilometres of mainly open country, broad acre farmlands.

One method of redressing this could be for electors in the area to adopt a higher profile within the Light Regional Council and to ensure election of an area elector on Council. This method sounds well in principle but neglects the practical realities of geography, the disproportionate distribution of electors between the main and more central townships of the Light Council and the limited population of the affected area, an effective suburban area (of Gawler) and the very distinct difference of interests that the affected area has compared to Kapunda Rural Townships.

This is not a general complaint against the Light Regional Council. The statements are made for the purpose of supporting the submission that in all aspects addressed the objects of the Local Government Act and the designated functions of Local Government will be best achieved for the affected area, and the region, if the proposal is achieved.

The proposers do not have the resources of the *Boundary Adjustment Facilitation Panel*. The proposers do not have all of the facts and details of issues available to them. They are by legal necessity under the provisions of *The Local Government Act 1991* a local interest group and therefore without substantial resources.

The proponents take the view that affected area is justifiably proposed never the less it is an objective of the proposers that the BAFP use its capacity to gather further data for its consideration..

Section 26. PRINCIPLES FOR THE BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT FACILITATION PANEL

(xiv) the resources available to local communities should be used as economically as possible while recognising the desirability of avoiding significant divisions within a community.

The affected area is best described as an urbanised area closely associated with and part of the Gawler community. The affected area is, by every assessment and measure, contiguous to the urban areas of the existing Gawler and remote from any other existing urban area.

The proposal does no more than recognise the existing community of interest and provides for the movement of that community to the Council community that it already significantly relates to.

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The economics of providing for the projected urban management and any further development in the affected area by a proximate local government have been addressed above and contrasted with the provision by the more remote management of the affected area by the current, very distant, local government provider.

(xv) proposed changes should, wherever practicable, benefit ratepayers

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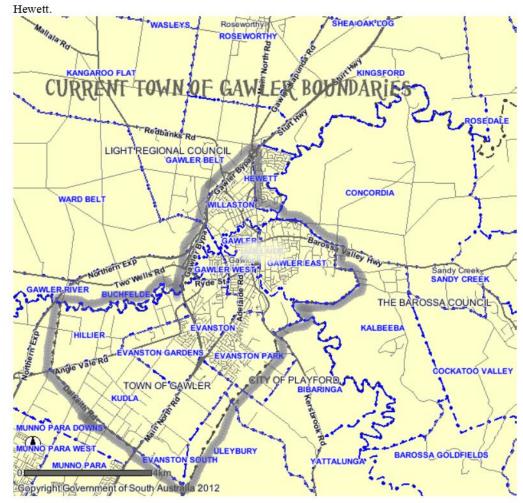
It is practical and appropriate that the rates payable, and the development fees be paid to and the planning process be performed by the Town of Gawler and that the ratepayers of Gawler benefit from the provision of such services to the affected area which is adjacent to them and would otherwise be burdensome on them.

Efficiency of provision of services and proximity to the council offices and the associated prospect of more inclusive development are factors that should be included In addition the social attachment to the Local Council area is more likely to promote voluntary social services such as member of community groups and service clubs;

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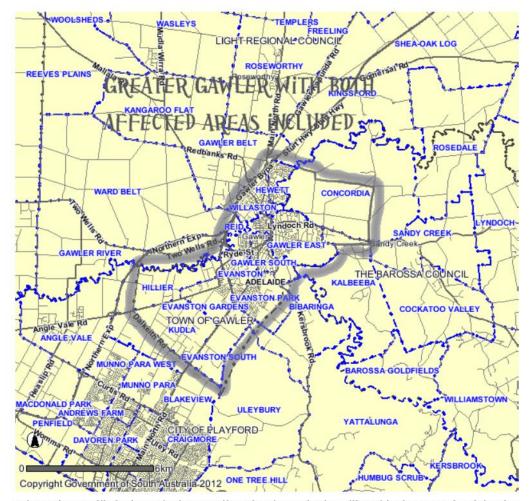
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If Gawler is inevitably to have adjacent development as set out in the 30 year plan then it should not be urban sprawl, by which the writer means generally un-co-ordinated ad-hoc expansion of urbanisation.. There is a real risk of urban sprawl around Gawler as the area to be urbanised while actual an extension of Gawler is currently in three local government areas. That is to say, Hewett on Gawlers north east is in Light, Concordia on Gawlers East is in Barossa and Gawler in its eastern and southern development areas is in Gawler

This proposal will provide that the development areas already marked out in the 30 year plan by the State Government Planners will be brought in to the planning sphere of the Town of Gawler.

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It is much more likely that a single Council as planning authority will avoid urban sprawl and develop a more coherent and well planned urbanisation of greater Gawler. In addition it will provide the town of Gawler with the income rate base from the development that it will, in any event, be providing the infrastructure for.

(xvii) a council should offer its community a reasonable range of services delivered on an efficient, flexible, equitable and responsive basis;

The services provided by the relinquishing Council have been discussed above. The affected community already turns to Gawler for schooling, library facilities, sporting clubs, swimming pool, recreation centres and leisure and restaurants, shopping, police station and patrol services and the provision of business and services, mechanical repairs and so on. It can be reasonably asserted that the Town of Gawler already offers the community of the affected area a reasonable range of infrastructure and will most likely be able to efficiently expand its services to the area.

(xviii) a council should facilitate effective planning and development within an area, and be constituted with respect to an area that can be promoted on a coherent basis;

These issues have been addressed above and are summarised here as:

The affected area has already developed as an urban suburb of Gawler. It is already part of Gawler in every respect except inclusion in local government.

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These issues have been addressed above and are summarised here as: There is no intrinsic self interest component for the Light Council to plan for the environmental protection of the catchment area as it flows away from them.. The Town of Gawler has a substantial self interest component in ensuring that planning upstream in the affected area is sustainable and protects the environment.

 (xx) a council should reflect communities of interest of an economic, recreational, social, regional or other kind, and be consistent with community structures, values, expectations and aspirations;

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The relinquishing council is mostly broad acre pastoral land with a smattering of Country Townships contrasted with the recent development of a very substantial industrial area at the southern end, well away from the central town of Kapunda. The affected area is the only urban area of the district council of light which is attached to a major urban centre, that of Gawler. The affected area reflects the attachment values associated with an outer suburban area rather than a broad acre farming community and as such can reasonably be expected not to easily integrate into the farming community structures, values expectations and aspirations.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1999 (SECTION 28)

DECLARATION BY ELIGIBLE ELECTORS TO MAKE A PUBLIC INTINITED SUBMISSION TO CHANGE A COUNCIL'S EXTERNAL BOUNDARY, COMPOSITION OR REPRESENTATIVE STRUCTURE

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From:
To: Council (E-mail)
Subject: Boundary Reform

Date: Tuesday, 29 September 2020 08:00:15 AM

To the Town of Gawler,

I attended the meeting last night (28-9-20) on the Gawler Boundary Reform and was impressed with the answers the panel gave to the many objections to how the proposed boundary changes would affect ratepayers in the areas that would be taken over.

It is my opinion that Gawler needs to look to the future and proceed with the proposed changes because I believe the ratepayers in the proposed neighbouring councils are using the facilities and infrastructure of the Gawler Council and for that reason should come under its jurisdiction.

I have friends in Gawler Belt who use the Gawler library, shop in Gawler and use the town's facilities.

I can understand objections to the move to be in the Gawler Council area because some people fear that the change may cost them more in council rates or that their land may be rezoned from rural to residential but I feel their objections are not justified as the panel outlined at the last meeting.

I feel it makes good economic sense to adjust the boundaries and I am happy to support the Gawler Council to proceed with the boundary reform.

Regards,

Gary Iremonger

Eagle Foundry Bed and Breakfast

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28 September 2020

Mayor Karen Redman, PO Box 130 GAWLER SA 5118

Dear Mayor Redman,

Community Consultation - Boundary Reform

We write in response to your letter dated 13 September 2020, informing us of the consultation being conducted in relation to the Town of Gawler's boundary reform proposal. We understand that based on the outcome of this consultation Council will make a decision on progressing to Stage 2 of the reform process. As the majority landowner in the Concordia Growth Area identified in your boundary reform material as an area proposed to move from the Barossa Council to the Town of Gawler, we have a keen interest in the proposal and wish to confirm that we do not support the proposal for a boundary change.

The Concordia Growth Area is located within the Barossa Geographical Indication Zone and will provide a gateway to the Barossa Valley and an opportunity for growth for the region while protecting the valley floor. Although located within the Barossa Council area, Concordia Land has always acknowledged that it has an inter-relationship with the Town of Gawler given its geographical location and has undertaken it's planning accordingly. Concordia Land has undertaken extensive investigations and ongoing discussions with the Barossa Council, the Town of Gawler and the State Government over a number of years to ensure the growth area will be developed in a coordinated way that benefits the region as a whole. We would anticipate regional co-operation would continue in the planning and delivery of infrastructure to support Concordia.

Once completed the Concordia Growth Area will accommodate approximately 23,000 residents which is similar to the number of residents currently residing in the Town of Gawler. Therefore, the Concordia development will provide a large range of services and facilities to support its residents and the broader regional community. On that basis, the Concordia Growth area is likely to service residents from the Barossa Council as well as residents from the Town of Gawler and the broader region irrespective of the council boundaries. Which on the face of it would appear no different from the surrounding areas utilising services within the Town of Gawler, or amongst most metropolitan councils where access to recreation, community, education and retail facilities outside of the residents own Council area is common place.

As you would be are aware, Concordia Land has put a proposal to State Government seeking the declaration of a precinct over the Concordia Growth Area and we are anticipating a response to our proposal in the near future. One of the advantages of the precinct planning approach is that it provides a framework for establishing partnerships with all key stakeholders to deliver high quality project outcomes and to build a community that has links across the region to both Gawler and Barossa. Establishing a precinct is one example of how to deliver quality community outcomes while not being constrained by a focus on individual council boundaries. There are many other examples of effective and efficient delivery of services and functions of local government on a regional basis (e.g. waste management, procurement, health, and flood management).

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We note that a key focus of the reforms is about being more efficient and facilitating greater investment and jobs for the region, which we would certainly welcome. However, we also believe that the objectives set forward for the reform could in the main be achieved through greater regional collaboration. Therefore, on balance we do not see the necessity of a boundary change that would bring Concordia into the Town of Gawler, and do not see that it would provide any specific benefit to the current or future residents of Concordia.

Yours sincerely,

Warwick Mittiga Managing Director

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Reference: 85538

2 October 2020

Mayor Karen Redman Town of Gawler PO Box 130 Gawler SA 5118

Via email:

Mayor@gawler.sa.gov.au Council@gawler.sa.gov.au

Dear Karen

Re: Gawler Boundary Reform Proposal

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the Town of Gawler Boundaries proposal.

At the outset of this response I wish to make two things clear, these arose from the meeting I attended on the evening of 28 September 2020 and I would like them on the public record:

 The Barossa Council has not made any representation to the Town of Gawler as stated in this meeting about agreeing to Kalbeeba being part of the Town of Gawler. To the contrary, we oppose that, strongly, as outlined further in this submission. The statement made is untruthful,

In approximately 2017 Council indicated verbal support to consider an adjustment of the boundary to facilitate the Springwood development, comprising a small area of land encased in that development that is in our Council (see attached map). A draft letter was forwarded, by email, to the Town of Gawler on this simple adjustment on 14 August 2017. It proceeded no further, and of course, it is now encased in the broader reform proposal before us. To assert that this applies to the whole of Kalbeeba is wrong.

Concordia land developers, whilst there are many land owners the main
proponent of this development has provided a submission to the Town of Gawler
which we have receipt of. This submission (and our prior conversations with the
group) clearly articulates an alternative viewpoint and the development of
collaborative regional approaches to efficiencies not boundary reform.

The Barossa Council has entered into professional and collaborative conversation on the matter of reform, it is disappointing to see misinformation being shared publicly.

The final general matter I wish to outline is the timing of this reform proposal, is not supported. We as a local community and region have for the foreseeable future, committed to utilising our limited human resources and funds to support economic and community recovery during COVID-19. I would encourage the Town of Gawler to reconsider its priorities by ceasing further processes, and reallocate its budget to rebuilding our communities (reported to be \$270,000), until we have addressed COVID-19 recovery, rather than expending extensive funds on boundary reform for which, in our preliminary view, has unproven benefits. The Barossa Council has already taken this

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position on our proposal in that we have identified that there are bigger issues to address right now than boundary reform.

In relation to the technical components of the Town of Gawler proposal, Council has endorsed the following position. Please note this submission is at a strategic level and many other issues would need to be discussed in detail should the matter proceed. The Barossa Council therefore reserves future rights in relation to matters such as compensation, economic analysis and impact and all other detailed requirements.

General Response

The area of Concordia and Kalbeeba (not including the Springwood development) are generally rural and regional areas associated with the southern Barossa and the GI (Geographical Indictor for the Barossa wine area). There is a natural distinction and delineation for adjoining areas through the South and North Para rivers.

The area of Kalbeeba that is associated with the Springwood development has previously been supported for realignment on the basis that approximately 15-20% of the development falls in The Barossa Council area and therefore should have one administration supporting that future community. The only exception we see to the natural delineation of the Para river.

The survey is a generalised survey and draws responses at a high level and is disjointed in its detail towards the conclusion where it seeks to understand 'why you object or support' which is disassociated with the specific components of the proposal earlier in the survey. This results in the survey not being able to assess components of the boundary change in their own right.

Interestingly the survey allows multiple responses per respondent and therefore seems to have limited control to ensure that respondents only make one submission. This could have the impact of skewing results significantly, rendering the results inaccurate and undermining any such conclusions. There is also no control over the true establishment of those directly impacted by the proposal. This was raised with ToG and they have outlined this is their preferred method to ensure as many people can respond as possible.

Further, the survey and information provided for review is complex, disjointed with the need to read many minutes, agenda and papers, FAQ's and other documents and therefore it is difficult to understand the actual basis of the proposal, communities of interest, costs, benefits and compensation. This is likely to impact stakeholder's viewpoints. Until a case is made by ToG it is difficult to provide anything other than a general comment.

The correspondence outlined by the Commission suggested a "reduced consultation" process which is unsupported by The Barossa Council. Should the process proceed, any detailed engagement, should be extensive, inclusive and through the provision of an independent and easily understood business case. The ToG is called about to absolutely reject such a notion. Further, should the ToG proceed it must provide a clear direction on its proposed consultation process.

Themes for Response

Preliminary review, is based on only those components that interface with The Barossa Council and on a strategic basis as assessed on the basis of Section 26 of the Local Government Act is in the following table:

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	Section 26 Provision	The Barossa Council Comment
1.	The resources available to local communities should be used as	Current proposal will have economic impact on ToG and The Barossa Council in terms of revenue,
	economically as possible while recognising the desirability of avoiding significant divisions within a community.	asset maintenance and administrative costs. Further significant analysis is required should the proposal proceed. This will impact short term use of resources and long term financial changes. There are currently higher and better use of limited resources than pursuing administrative reform.
2.	Proposed changes should, wherever practicable, benefit ratepayers.	Still to be determined through broader engagement, again this would need to be undertaken should the proposal proceed past this round of consultation.
3.	A council should have a sufficient resource base to fulfil its functions fairly, effectively and efficiently.	Linked to 1 above.
4.	A council should offer its community a reasonable range of services delivered on an efficient, flexible, equitable and responsive basis.	No comment, further analysis required.
5.	A council should facilitate effective planning and development within an area, and be constituted with respect to an area that can be promoted on a coherent basis.	Effective planning especially land use planning is considered best linked to the communities of interest. The development of Concordia is a clear target for ToG, however it is argued that the Council best associated with and in support of the Barossa Brand is not the ToG. It is best placed with The Barossa Council to ensure a collaborative and appropriate development within the GI boundary and with a buffer to Gawler.
6.	A council should be in a position to facilitate sustainable development, the protection of the environment and the integration of land use schemes.	Linked to 5 above.
7.	A council should reflect communities of interest of an economic, recreational, social, regional or other kind, and be consistent with community structures, values, expectations and aspirations.	Clearly the areas of Kalbeeba (excluding the Springwood development area) and Concordia are associated with the southern Barossa and the GI, separated by distance and the south Para. The economic basis of the area for now and the foreseeable 10+ years is clearly associated with the Barossa.
8.	A council area should incorporate or promote an accessible centre (or centres) for local administration and services.	Agreed and this can be achieved through collaborative models rather than expensive and divisive ToG strategy.
9.	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.	It remains to be understood how this will be achieved in the ToG proposal. The Barossa Council model sees all Councillors supporting the whole community rather than sections thereof.

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10.	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).	See point 9.
11.	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.	Agreed see point 8.
12.	The extent and frequency of previous changes affecting the council or councils under this Chapter or the repealed Act.	Not applicable.

Once again Council thanks you for your correspondence.

If you wish to discuss any matters please contact me directly or Marisa South (msouth@barossa.sa.gov.au) to make any future appointments.

Vours sincerely

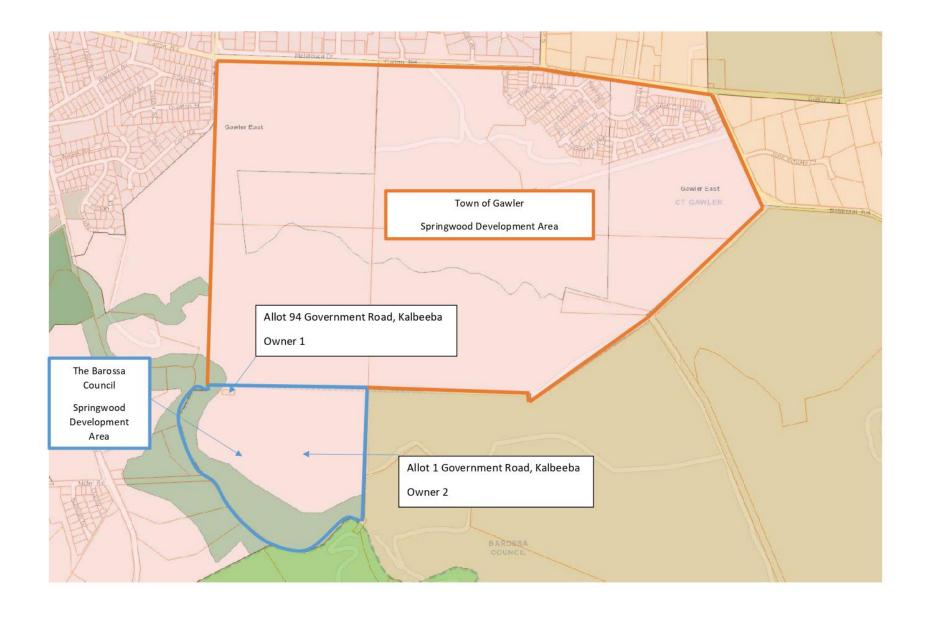
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Submission to the Town of Gawler's Boundary Reform Proposal A. W. Moulds

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Submission to the Town of Gawler's Boundary Reform Proposal

Author: Alan Moulds

Resident of Gawler Belt:

Ratepayer City of Playford: Light Regional Council & The Town of Gawler

Date submitted 7 October 2020

The Proposal by the Town of Gawler (TOG) for Boundary Reform should not be presented to the Boundaries Commission for further investigation. The proposal should be abandoned by the TOG.

- 1. Formal investigations if the TOG decides to proceed will be undertaken by the SA Boundaries Commission at TOG's cost. This is going to be an unknown cost to TOG ratepayers with no guarantee of outcome. This is a new process for the State Government and the concern is not only the costs are unknown but also is the timeframe. This in turn leads to an unknown impact on TOG rates at this point in time. In financial year 2020 / 2021 TOG adopted a 2.4% General Rate increase from existing ratepayers. Light Regional Council had a 0% increase and the Barossa Council 1.44%.
- 2. The "Basis for Potential Boundary Change" is detailed in Table 1: Geographical Areas of Interest (Special Council Meeting Agenda 10 September 2019). The assessment is the same for Hewett, Gawler Belt, Buchfelde & Gawler Airport. However, areas to be included by the TOG include Hewett and a portion of Gawler Belt but does not include Buchfelde and the Gawler Airport. Ward's Belt was not considered. This leaves a pocket between Gawler Belt and Hillier in Light Regional Council (LRC) that is inconsistent with the overall proposal. In response to a question sent to TOG under the consultation process it was stated by TOG that due to broadacre farming in Buchfelde it was felt to be more aligned to LRC. The eastern parts of Buchfelde and Ward's Belt is not broadacre farming and primarily rural living in line with the portion of Gawler Belt of interest, which brings into question this response.
- 3. Buchfelde, Gawler Belt with the exception of the Roseworthy Town Expansion (RTE) & the Industrial area and Ward's Belt consist primarily of Rural Living and Primary Production and not within the urban growth area. A considerable part of LRC including Buchfelde and parts of Gawler Belt are within the Environment & Food Production Areas (EFPA). The EFPA does not allow for the division of land for residential purposes. TOG does not have any areas with in the EFPA

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and is within the urban growth area. Gawler Belt is aligned more closely with LRC

- 4. LRC has suggested that if the proposal is successful in total it would make LRC unviable. The consequence of this would impact across the total Lower North Region. This raises the question of what subsequently happens to LRC if TOG Boundary submission is approved in full? If LRC assertion is correct then there will be an unknown timeframe to resolve this issue that will clearly extend past TOG's expected timeframe of 1 2 years for the process and the scope of the Boundary reform proposal. It is of the opinion (of the author) that the Boundaries Commission would not leave a council unviable.
- 5. Surveys undertaken show clear opposition to the proposal. It is acknowledged that the validity of these surveys is questionable.
 - Gawler Belt Community Facebook page: "people's preference is between staying with Light Regional Council or changing to Town of Gawler Council".

LRC - 92 votes

TOG - 6 votes

Don't care either way - 6 votes.

- A small survey conducted by TOG councilor Nathan Shanks & LRC Councilor Simon Zeller as reported in the Bunyip (26/08/2020) shows only 1 in 10 residents of Hewett support the proposal.
- The survey conducted by the TOG as part of the consultation process has been criticized in the Bunyip (30/9/2020) by the Barossa Council as being disjointed and has the potential to produce skewed results. In completing and reviewing the survey by the author, it is considered that some of the questions / responses could be considered to be leading in nature which subtly prompts the respondent to answer in a particular way. For example:

"Boundary reform could realign the footprint of Gawler to include adjacent areas already seen as part of the Gawler community and who already utilize services and infrastructure provided by the Town of Gawler" &

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"The proposed realignment would allow Council to provide more comprehensive and competitive services to the community".

These responses are subjective as "already seen as part of the Gawler community" and to "allow Council to Council to provide more comprehensive and competitive services" are opinions of the TOG. It will be of interest how the consultants Square Holes interpret the data.

6. The issue of Stormwater Management within in Gawler Belt has been highlighted and seen to present a level of risk by the TOG. TOG has identified the potential requirement for capital investment in flood mitigation infrastructure within the Gawler Belt area. In the "Gawler and Surrounds Storm Water Management Plan" (SMP) the depression south of Parkers Road Gawler Belt has a catchment that extends a point 3 km north of the Roseworthy Township. This includes the stormwater management of the RTE development and existing development within Roseworthy. Stormwater management in these areas will be managed through a series of channels, detention and retention basins down to Gawler Belt with the last detention basin being at the south west corner of the RTE. With the Sturt Highway built at a higher level than the natural ground level, this acts as a barrier to stormwater from the TOG to Gawler Belt.

The SMP was approved for consultation in March 2019 and has yet to be finalized with advice from the TOG that final updates are planned for completion by the end of November 2020. It is expected the SMP will be finalized with all partner Councils this financial year. Secondly with although it is outside of the scope of this submission the fact that it now 18 months since the SMP was approved for consultation indicates there must have been major issues identified.

Stormwater management is significant community issue within Gawler Belt. Currently the responsibly for the stormwater is with one council being LRC. If the proposal for the portion of Gawler Belt to be included in the TOG is adopted, when considering the potential inflows from the RTE to Gawler Belt both the LRC and TOG would have responsibilities. This goes against the spirit of the TOG proposal being one council having responsibility as the stormwater affecting Gawler Belt originates primarily in Roseworthy and the RTE. At the LRC community consultation there was strong opposition to the draft SMP proposals regarding Gawler Belt from the local Gawler Belt community.

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7. Rates have been discussed in Section 4 of the Special General Meeting of the TOG (10 September 2019) with a comparison detailed in Table 5. Although the TOG argues that Table 5 confirms the difficulties relative to a meaningful comparison of General Rates between Councils, the values below are values adopted for 2020 / 2021.

	Shop cents in the dollar		
	TOG	LRC	
Residential	0.51610	0.44794	
Commercial Shop	1.10575	0.78390	
Commercial Office	1.10575	0.78390	
Commercial – Other	1.10575	0.78390	
Industry – Light	1.10575	1.23184	
Industry – Other	1.10575	1.23184	
Primary Production	0.51610	0.36283	
Vacant Land	0.77416	0.78390	

Industry - light and other can be discounted as part of this discussion as there is no known activities being undertaken in the areas of interest. Commercial activities are very limited. Vacant land rate is marginally higher in the LRC. However, the residential and primary production rate is less. Significantly primary production is still being conducted in the Gawler Belt area with the number of ratepayers calming the Primary Production Rate unknown (to the author). For a ratepayer paying the Primary Production rate on a property valued at \$500.000 is an increase of \$765. Table 5 has a comparison of 2018/19 Average Residential property valuations with the figure given for Light as being \$332,000. Previously section 5.1 an average residential property valuation of \$440,000 for Hewett is given. A value for Gawler Belt is not given but anodically it would be considerably higher. The relevance of the information in Table 5 is questionable.

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Overview

Following on from the Mar – Jun quarter, the demand for COVID-19 Critical Response assistance has reduced and although this has been the most difficult time ever faced for businesses, most are now working through a recovery phase. Businesses have re-invented themselves where able and rather than going back to "what they did before", for the most part they have kept the products or services they diversified to, in their business. This demonstrates that most business owners realise that it is critical to build new practices into their businesses that will hopefully provide a buffer for the next unknown event that may occur. The GBDG responded instantly to the crisis by providing immediate support and information to the business community. GBDG drew on experience, business know how and the resources made available by external bodies to ensure every business had access to relevant, accurate, practical advice.

This new phase – Recovery – is possibly more critical than the response phase, as it is now time to help the businesses become more viable and robust. GBDG is providing information via face to face sessions, webinars and digitally to encourage the business owners to implement business continuity plans. Access to business advisors and business development programs/activities, and recovery strategies is a major focus as is shining a bigger, brighter spotlight on Gawler and all it has to offer.

It is anticipated that the recovery phase will take up to 18 months as businesses will also implement numerous changes during this period that will include growth, staff/business owner development and diversification.

A united and collaborative effort is required to assist the businesses and this entire region to recover from this pandemic and with this in mind GBDG continues to meet with the Town of Gawler, RDA Barossa and Business Innovation Hub on a regular basis plus has joined the Community Recovery Committee formed by MP Tony Piccolo.

GBDG has developed relationships with numerous business bodies and these continue to be a reliable source of information sharing, gathering and validation.

RDA Barossa

Adelaide Business Hub

Salisbury Business Association

Polaris Centre

Business SA

Office of the Small Business Commissioner

Gawler Business Network

Kapunda Business Alliance

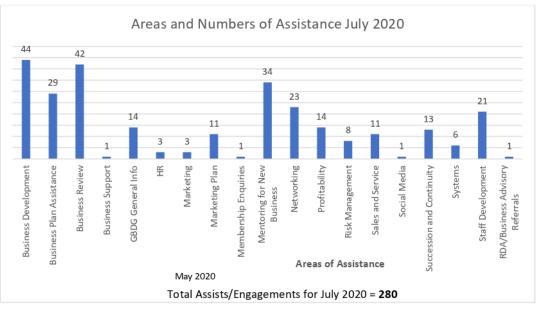
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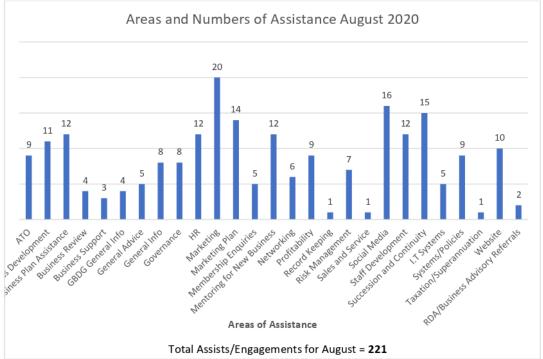
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The quarter from July 1 to September 30 saw a total of **623** business assists and engagements. Although the numbers are lower than the previous quarter it must be noted that this is quite a high number of engagements/assists considering that the crisis caused by the COVIOD-19 pandemic was abating with fewer businesses needing intensive assistance. This number though still demonstrates the level of uncertainty that business owners still have in working out how to navigate their way through the direct negative impacts and how they might prevent such a severe hit if another wave of the pandemic affects our region.

Areas of Assistance



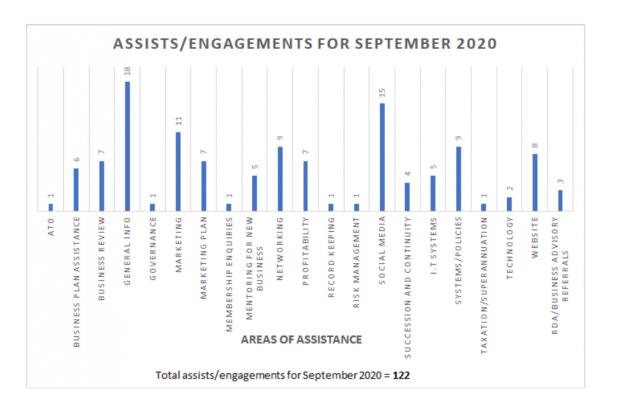


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New Marketing Strategies

The GBDG's new approach to multi layered marketing commenced in May after BIE Creative was engaged to complete projects to increase engagement with GBDG via all platforms which will in turn create more awareness of what the area has to offer, and create a uniform "story" across all platforms.

The new video interviews highlighting businesses and business owners has proven to be beneficial in building awareness, interest, and engagement by businesses and residents. These videos are quite informal and present the "human" face of business rather than us trying to "sell" the goods and services our businesses have to offer. The response has been excellent and though we had to go out and approach businesses to be showcased in this manner for the first 2 months, we then started to receive requests from business owners to "film me next"

Businesses have been asked if they cross promote other businesses in the region and it has been interesting to see some of the "partnering" of different business types. The benefits of cross promotion are currently being promoted to the business community.

GBDG has built a relationship with The Advertiser and will be providing the reporter with good news stories regularly so that there is a constant spotlight on Gawler. The first inclusions on the Advertiser are in the Media section of this report.

The GBDG has engaged BIE Creative for a further 4 month period to continue building on the already successful marketing strategies to ensure a high level of interest, engagement and economic lift is maintained. This is deemed to be critical to the recovery of the region. There must be adequate levels of activity to continue to bring consumers to Gawler and GBDG is planning a number of events/activities to attract more "feet on the ground and dollars in the tills".

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$\underline{\textit{Marketing of International Days}}$ with events that compliment them

International Men's Day – Mens networking event

International Coffee Day – vote for the best coffee venue in Gawler, prizes for nominator and winning business

International Networking Day – Business Owners networking event

Australian Small Business Day – Shop Locally in your regions small businesses

These days plus many others will be selected to encourage businesses to embrace the day with a new approach to their marketing.

Social Media and Digital Platforms

GBDG Facebook Page

Date Range	Video Views	Post Reach	Post Engagement	Total Page Likes	Total Page Follows
Feb 2020	1525	5704	2324	2863	3062
Mar 2020	2415	8252	5342	2877	3082
Apr 2020	4019	6336	4595	2916	3155
May 2020	12637	13,941	7473	2964	3220
Jun 2020	11830	13,162	4419	3014	3415
Jul 2020	7332	13599	3990	3067	3016
Aug 2020	5703	15465	3020	3105	3016
Sept 2020	5666	14419	2359	3128	3092

Twitter

Date Range	Tweet Impressions	Engagements	Tweets	Retweets	Profile Visits	Followers	Followers Changes	Mentions
Jan 2020	216	0	0	0	0		-1	0
Feb 2020	228	0	2	0	3		0	0
Mar 2020	275	0	4	0	0		0	0
Apr 2020	562	0	4	0	3		+2	3
May 2020	205	0	1	0	11		+1	0
Jun 2020	220	5	3	1	10		+2	0
Jul 2020	99	0	0	0	0	51	0	0
Aug 2020	269	0	2	0	0	51	0	0
Sept 2020	212	0	2	0	0	52	+1	0

Linkedin

Date Range	Followers	Following	Connections	Contacts
May 2020	996	1014	996	3629
Jun 2020	996	1015	996	3629
Jul 2020	1002	1022	1002	3636
Aug 2020	1002	1023	997	3636
Sept 2020	1003	1024	998	3636

Instagram

Date Range	Posts	Followers	Following
May 2020	20	239	481
June 2020	30	286	426
Jul 2020	39	319	436
Aug 2020	43	344	436
Sept 2020	47	359	438

Some of our most watched videos this quarter:

https://business.facebook.com/GawlerBusinessDevelopmentGroup/videos/369906137331754/

https://business.facebook.com/GawlerBusinessDevelopmentGroup/videos/816493042420302/

https://business.facebook.com/GawlerBusinessDevelopmentGroup/videos/594804634571041/

Workshop Activity

	Number of Businesses Attending
July	
Tammys Table Group 1	7
Tammys Table Group 2	8
Know Your Numbers	5
Eliminate Your Fear of Public Speaking	7
Deconstructing Your Business	6
The 5 Levels of Customer Service	6
Pushing Through the Difficult Times	7
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Optimise Your Marketing	
Facebook and Instagram Essentials	6
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Tammy's Table Group 2	9

"Lets Get You Onboarded Update"

The GBDG "Lets Get You Onboarded" Gawler Community App program has commenced. The GBDG Board has approved the onboarding of 100 businesses to the app and will cover the costs associated with this for a 6 month period.



	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Number of businesses forwarded to	1	2	7	4	3	0	0	0
Plutus for onboarding to App								
Number of businesses onboarded	0	0	4	4	2	7	0	0
Number of businesses waiting to be onboarded	1	2	6	6	7	0	0	0

Despite continued marketing and promotion by GBDG of the Gawler Community App, there is a reluctance by businesses to be onboarded. Feedback from some of the business owners:

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[&]quot;the app doesn't offer me anything useful"

[&]quot;its not a resource that will benefit my business"

[&]quot;no one uses it, so why bother"

Virtual Advisory Services

The Board of the GBDG has approved additional funding \$20,000 to be allocated to providing advice and support to business owners throughout and after the Corona Virus Pandemic. The advisory component of this support will be in the form:

- Increased referrals/access to the RDA B2B Program
- Referrals to specialists engaged by GBDG to cover specific business areas (advisors in this category include those who have survived the impacts of global economic recessions)
- Referrals to specialist business development programs
- Increased access to new marketing strategies of GBDG at no cost to members (videos to showcase business, interviews, podcasts, vidcasts, digital promotion of business achievements, success stories etc)

The vast majority of businesses are now working well after the initial COVID recovery phase. Many are implementing new strategies to hopefully safeguard their businesses during any further unforeseen events.

There is a higher number of new business start ups occurring in the region which will have a positive impact of the local economy and providing new services and products.

Number of Businesses Referred for sessions this quarter, note: most required multiple sessions					
July	7				
August	11				
September	5				

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Financial Reports



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6-1702	Digital Marketing Strategy	6,063.25
Total New Initiatives & Projects		7,641.16
Total Expense		44,017.56
Operating Profit		1,412.59
Plus Other Income		
8-1200	Interest income	13.68
Total Other Income		13.68
Less Other Expense		
Total Other Expense		0.00
Net Profit		1,426.27

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Balance Sheet Gawler Business Development Group Inc 2 PO Box 402, Gawler SA 5118, Australia		30 Sep 2020 ABN: 60986486821 Generated 09 Oct 2020
		Total
Assot		10.01
Banking	NOTE STATEMENT	50.510.07
1-1000	ANZ Bus Extra **11045 Petty cash	52,512.87 318.90
1-1400	ANZ Bus Online **11053	79,926.43
Total Banking		132,758.20
Current Assets		
Total Current Assets		0.00
Fixed Assets		
Total Fixed Assets		0.00
Total Asset		132,758.20
Liability		
Credit Card		
2-1400	VIsa C Brougham	102.89
Total Credit Card		102.89
Current Liabilities		
2-2200	GST collected	4,556.80
2-2400	GST paid	-3,910.31
2-2500	GST Clearing Ac	0.64
Total Current Liabilities		647.13
Funding		
Total Funding		0.00
Long Term Liabilities		
Total Long Term Liabilities		0.00
Total Liability		750.02
Net Assets		132,008.18
Equity		
Current Earnings		
3-1800	Current year earnings	1,426.27
Total Current Earnings		1,426.27
Retained Earnings		
3-1600	Members Funds - Accum Surplus-deficit	130,581.91
Total Retained Earnings		130,581.91
Total Equity		132,008.18

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Media

Front page of the Advertiser



WHILE most business struggled during the COVID-19 shut down earlier this year, one has very much blossomed.

The Gawler Flower Gallery enjoyed a boom which owner Debra Veltman said made every day seem like Valentine's Day. Due to the high demand for flowers and other gifts, Mrs Veltman added an extra florist as well as casual staff to her books.

"We've been very fortunate, due to the township itself actually, because they do support local business," Mrs Veltman said.

"We've found with COVID-19, because people couldn't visit each other or have parties, all they could do is send flowers, and we were lucky enough to have extra staff and help them out.

"We've found we were running out of flowers and we got local growers that we use. We've had to change our way of selling, we changed to plants, chocolate bouquets and things like that to help people with what they want.

"It's been good and we're trying to find Australian products too that are Australian owned and made."

Financially, Mrs Veltman was stunned to see the numbers had "easily doubled" compared with the same period in previous years.

"It's been crazy, every day has been somewhat like Valentine's Day.

"We're not getting a lot through the doors, but the phones and the internet is going crazy. We're getting a lot more support on social media too, which has been fantastic."

SA's COVID-19 restrictions have continued to ease over the past few months, meaning people can go out for dinner and see each other again. However, Mrs Veltman said the amount of gifts and flowers being purchased was still high.

She said there were a couple of pieces of advice she'd give to any business out there.

 $\hbox{``Think outside the square and support each other, that's the most important thing," she said.}\\$

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Ali Eberhard, owner of the Gawler Caravan Park, is excited about a looming upgrade. Picture: Matt Turner

WELCOME UPGRADE FOR PARK

JACK HUDSON

THE Gawler Caravan Park is set for a significant upgrade to its entrance way as it plots a recovery from a COVID-hit start to the year.

For Ali Eberhard, who owns the park along with husband Simon, it's a massive boost following a tough year.

"(COVID) has had a massive impact on us, started with many cancellations, there were a lot of refunds," Mrs Eberhard said.

"There was a lot of uncertainty, so we didn't know how long things were going to last.

"We had two lots of staff leave as they didn't feel safe in the industry. We discussed closing, but we have people here. Although we're not a permanent park, we do have people who are here for long stays for work and things like that."

The pandemic peaked right before

Easter – one of the busiest weekends of the year. Mrs Eberhard said the losses from that weekend were "devastating"

"We would've been looking at about 80-90 per cent capacity and at that stage we were at about 35 per cent. That weekend alone, I'd say we would've lost \$8000-\$10,000," she said. "We're not a destination park, so we don't have those major highs ... but, Easter is probably the best weekend along with the October long weekend.

"It wasn't just the money we lost, it was also the money we had to give back to people who had already paid.

"You don't spend your deposits or anything like that, but boy it makes a mess of your bank account."

Gawler Council unanimously approved plans to go ahead with the upgrade at its July meeting, and Mrs Eberhard said they're "rapt" with it.

"We've been here nearly four years

and although we've done some work inside the park, we haven't been able to touch the outside, and of course, that's not ours, we don't own it," she said.

"We rely on council to support us with anything like that, and we are just excited and can't wait to be a part of it and the fact is they've let us in on the design side of it.

"We've been able to use our knowledge to guide the architect and the council has backed us the whole way through this."

Upgrades to the entrance way will include the removal of the top bar and the widening of the entrance itself.

"Nowadays, rigs are getting bigger and better and taller, we have a back gate we have to use sometimes," Mrs Eberhard said.

The work on the entrance way is expected to start during the 2021/22 financial year.

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Region ready to bounce back



THE Barossa, Clare & Gawler NEWS

The rapidly expanding Barossa, Clare and Gawler regions now have a dedicated daily news website with the launch of Barossa, Clare & Gawler News

FOR the first time in its 69-year history, The Advertiser's Messenger C o m m u n i t y News will have a presence in Gawler, the Barossa Valley and the Clare Valley with the launch of a daily online news site.

The Barossa, Clare & Gawler News will deliver the stories that matter most to residents of the region, which encompasses two councils and about 100 local towns.

It is Messenger's fourth digital-only masthead, after The Upper Spencer Gulf News and Adelaide Hills News joined The City news site last year. And next week the Port Lincoln News will be added to the stable

All are published by The Advertiser's community newspaper division, Messenger Community News, and access to read the stories is included as part of a digital subscription to The Advertiser.

The launch recognises the undeniable role the regions play in tourism, food, wine and sport across South Australia. Journalist and Gawler and Barossa Valley local Jack Hudson has been named editor of the publication.

Mr Hudson, pictured, started his journalism career at the Gawler Bunyip in 2012, specialising in weekend football writing.

In 2016, he moved to Tanunda where he became a sports and community news journalist at the Barossa and Light Herald, while also doing some work in Clare with the Northern Argus. He returned to the Bunyip a year later to cover sport and community news. He joined The Advertiser in 2019 as digital sports reporter.

"As someone who has grown up in Gawler and the Barossa Valley, I'm excited to be returning home to deliver the latest on the issues that matter to all of us in the community," Mr Hudson said. "From celebrating our local heroes and our sports stars, to pursuing the latest across our many councils and helping tell the stories that need to be told, I'm here to help be your voice.

"If you have a story you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to get in touch."

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Businesses unite to drive COVID-19 recovery plan

JACK HUDSON



MP Tony Piccolo is part of a new COVID-recovery committee. A COMMUNITY recovery committee including businesses and personalities across the Light electorate is working to help the region prosper during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Businesses, schools, pubs and representatives from Gawler Council have united over Zoom to discuss different ideas to help improve the economic situation. The idea, which stemmed from Light MP Tony Piccolo's office, aims to assist the recovery process, including boosting tourism and employment.

Mr Piccolo said the committee would capitalise on the region's many strengths. "The goal is to develop a community plan that will provide guidance to different sectors in the community on what can be done to recover from the pandemic and find new ways to do business," he said.

"The plan will also identify the resources required to support the community to recover.

"The priority is to fully explore the opportunities the pandemic has created and to take advantage of our economic and social strengths.

"We need to discuss and provide ideas on how local businesses and organisations can operate post COVID-19 to thrive." The committee is set to meet for the third time later this month.

During a recent meeting, Deloitte Australia's Andrew Culley said the company had prepared a report for governments that could help a guide local recovery plan.

"Which sectors are doing well? Food production, transport and tourism, which will benefit from a forced local spend within Australia," he said.

Mr Culley also highlighted defence and creative industries as areas for potential growth post-COVID.

"We must also tailor a message targeted at young people that is positive and highlights the opportunities for those entering the workforce," he said.

"The economic recovery to COVID must be locally led.

"While South Australia appears to have significantly reduced the spread of COVID-19, this is not the case in many other parts of Australia and the world."

Mr Culley said the committee needed to keep that in mind while preparing its recovery plan. Mr Piccolo said committee members were already working together well. "Seeing different parts of the community work together gives me great hope that we can recover from this pandemic," he said.

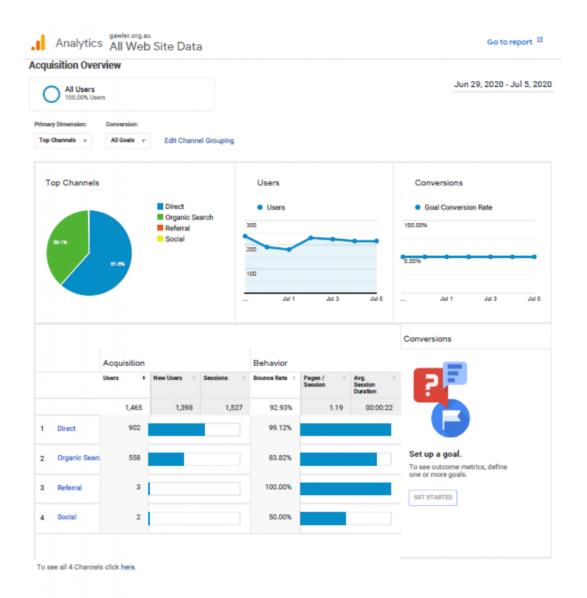
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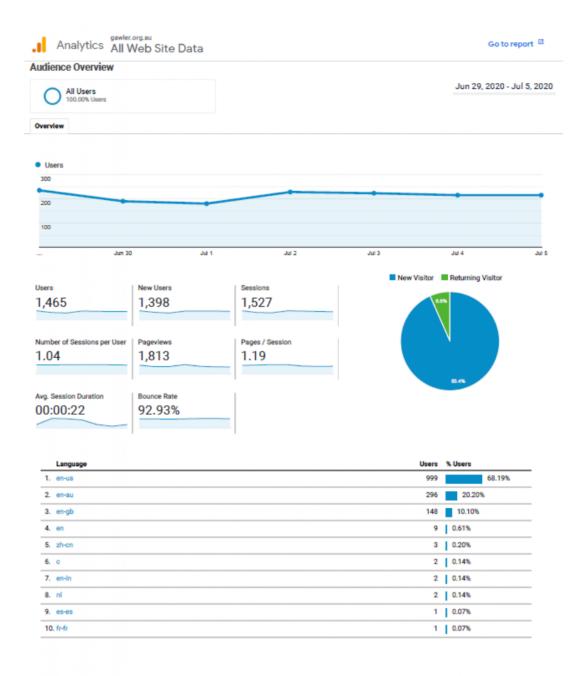
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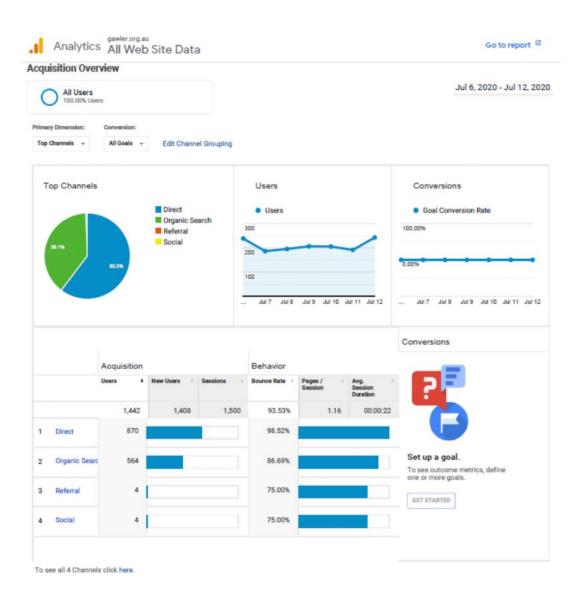
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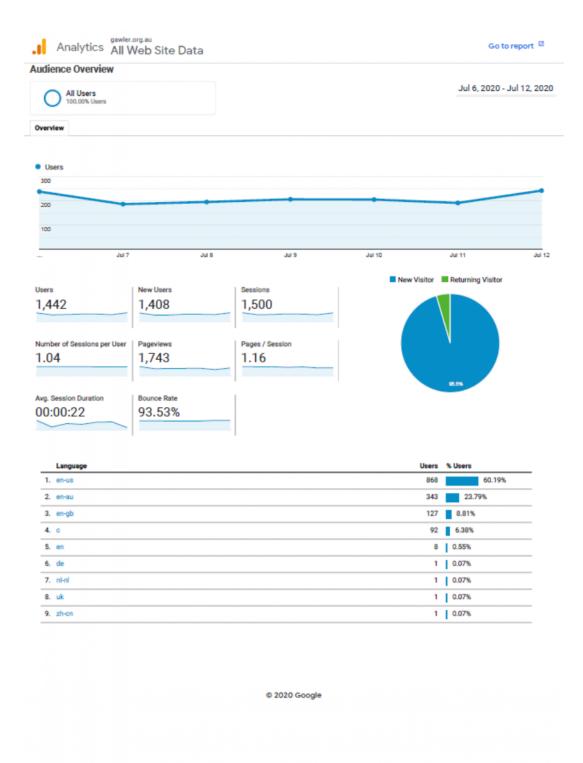
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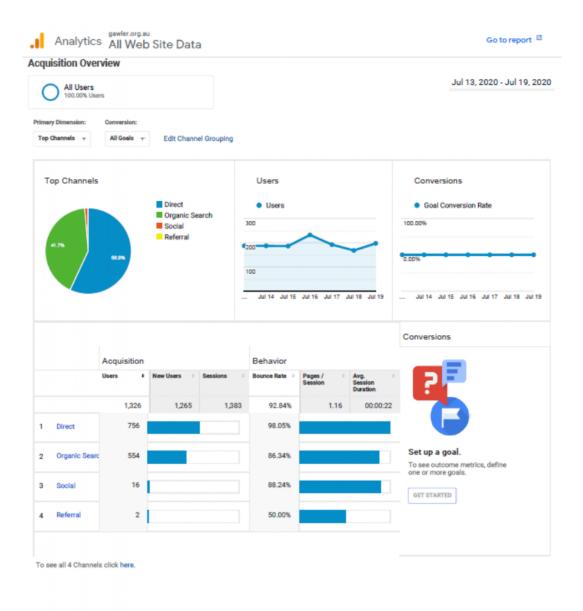
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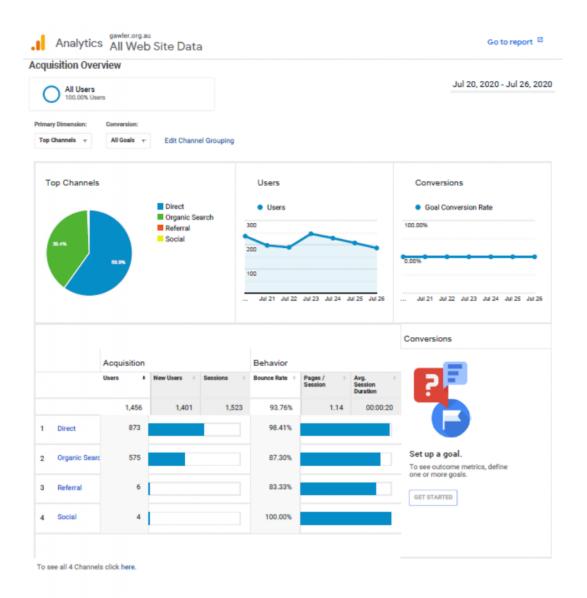
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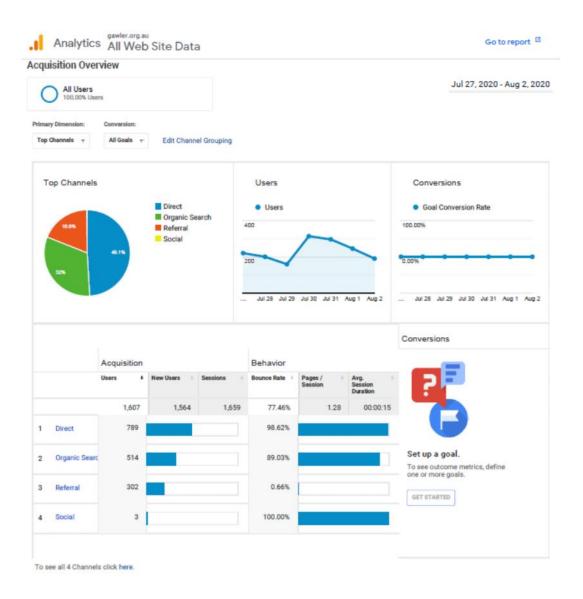
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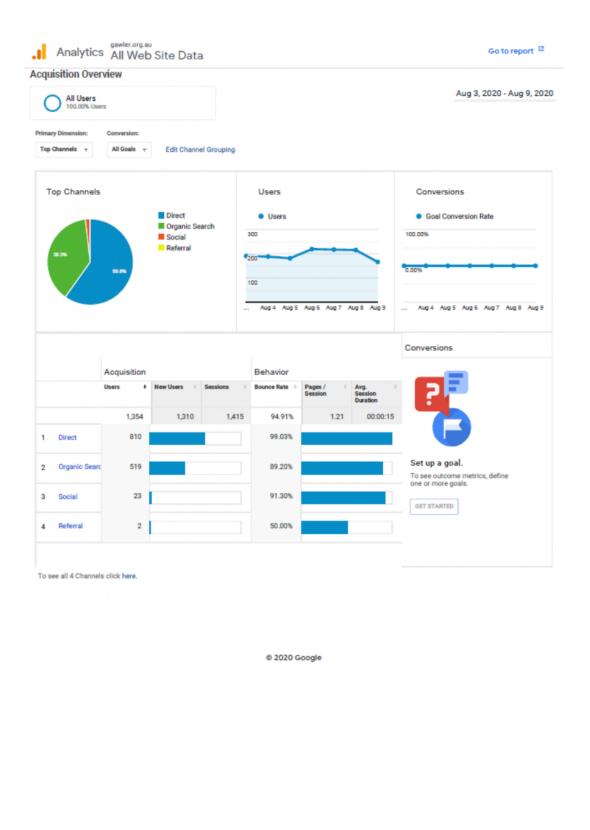
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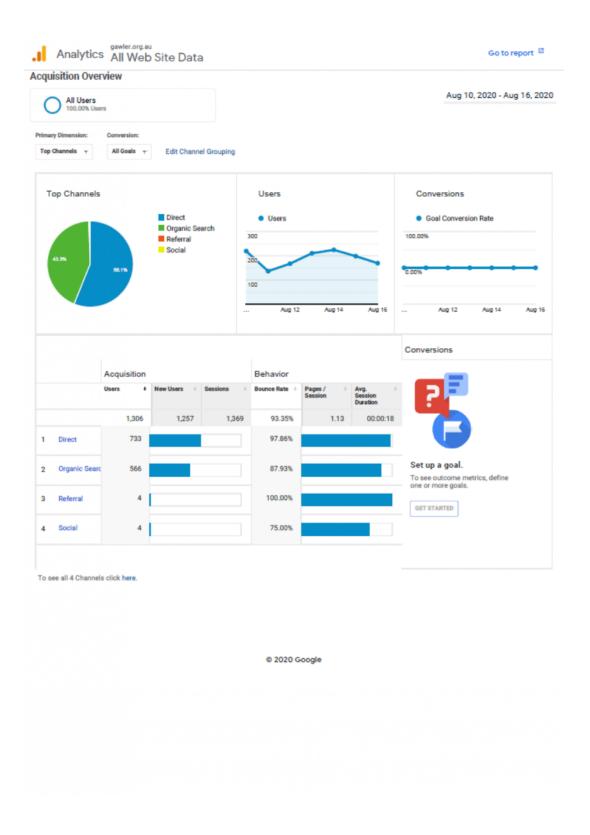
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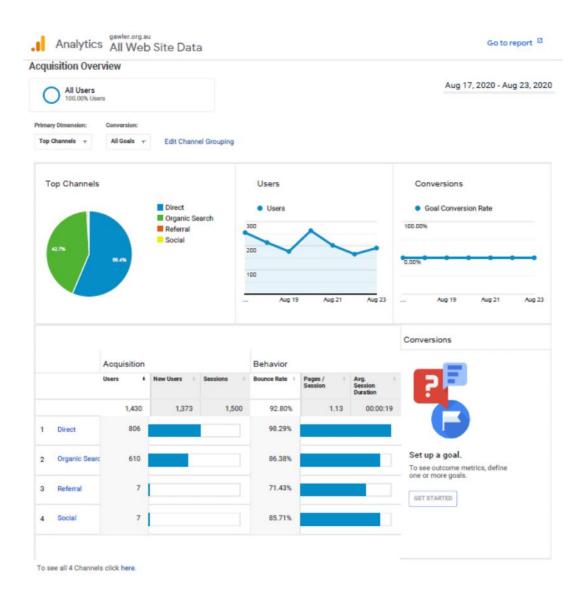
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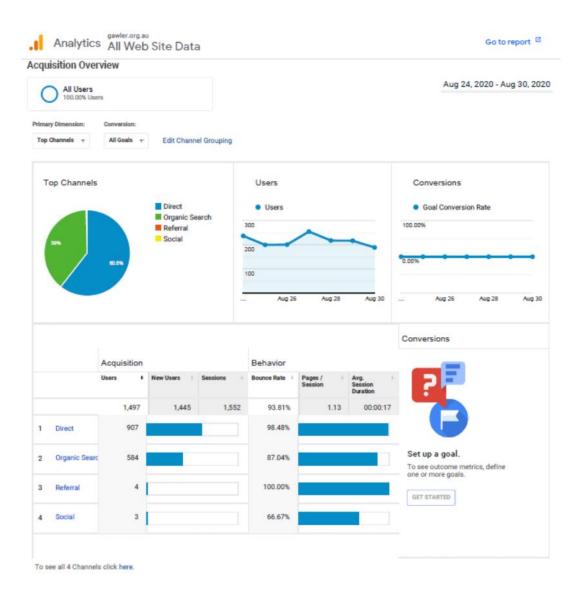
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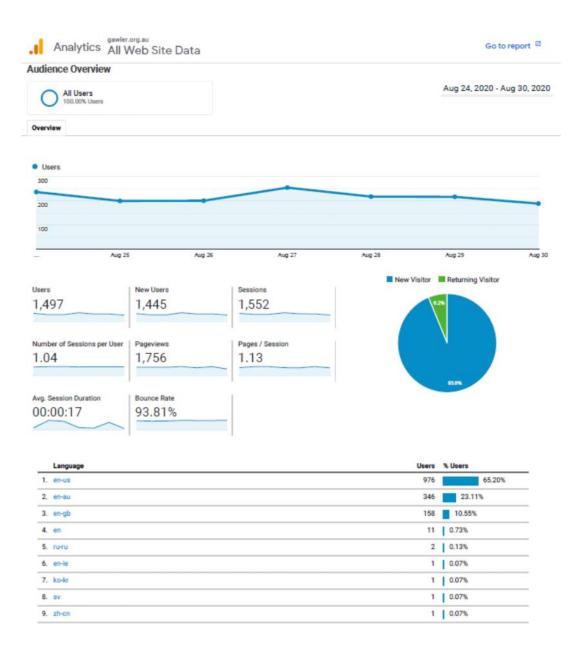
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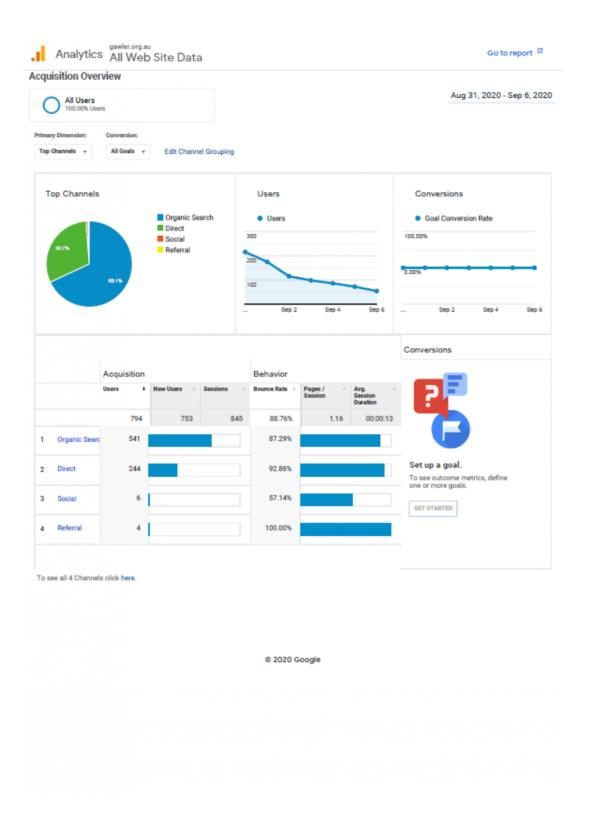
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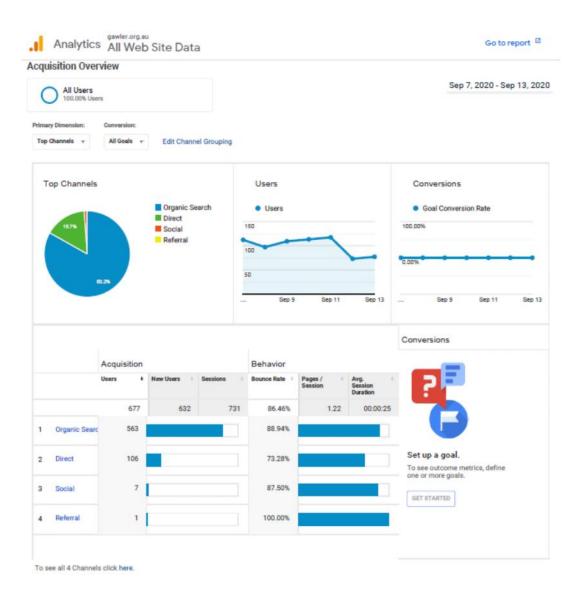
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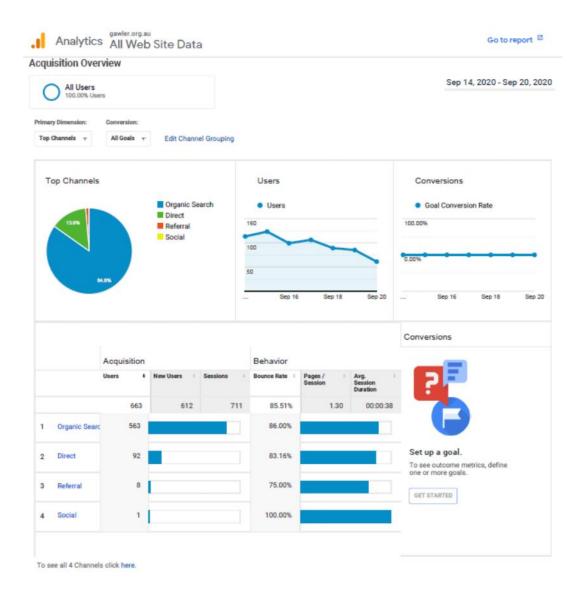
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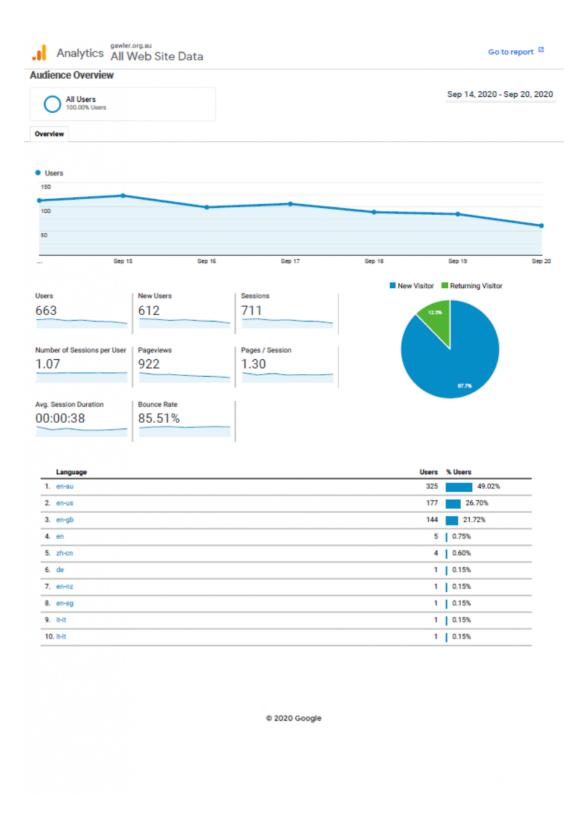
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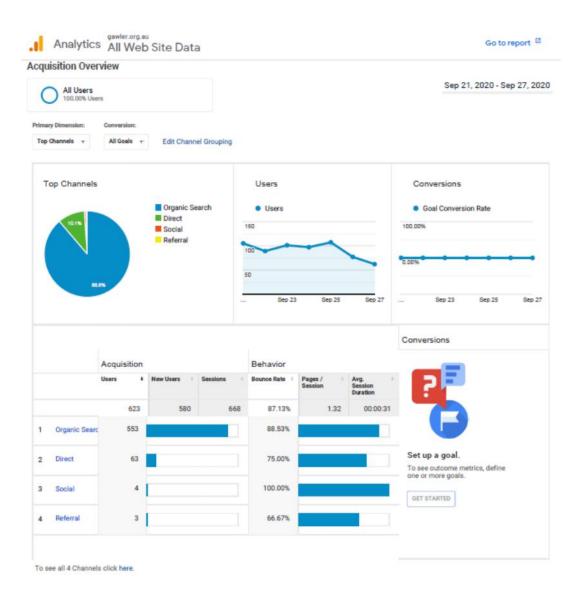
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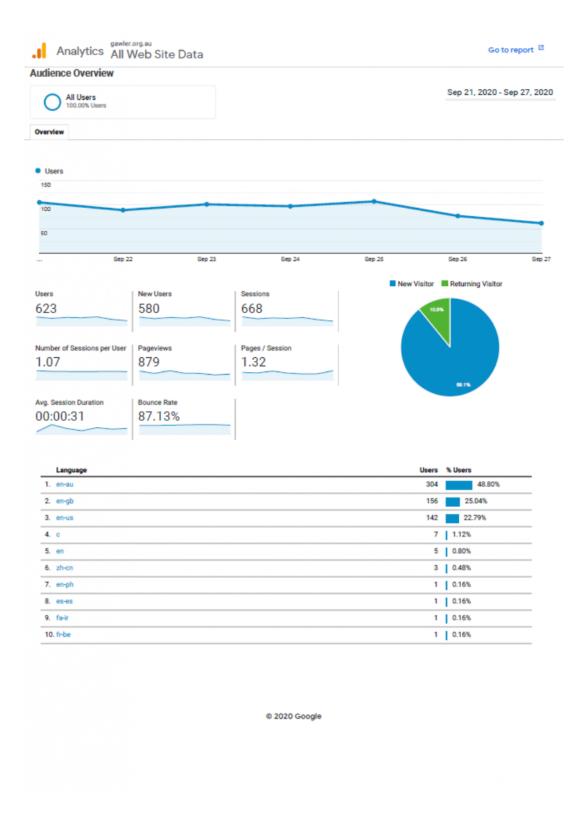
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