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To: South Australian Local Government - Boundaries Commission

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EC: Mid Murray Council Mayor Simone Bailey, The Barossa Council Mayor Bim Lange

Subject: Application from the Truro District to realign a portion of land currently in Mid Murray Council to The Barossa Council.

We, the representatives of the Truro and Dutton community, have been exploring the option of council boundary realignment for the Truro district. The proposition for the Truro District to be included in The Barossa Council was unsuccessfully pursued in the 1990's and as outlined in this application, has become more relevant.

The Mayor from Mid Murray Council, Simone Bailey and the Mayor from The Barossa Council Michael (Bim) Lange were present at our first exploration meeting held on 11/04/24 and have been available to offer advice. The launch and outcome of the petition has been advertised on social media pages and in our local paper, The Leader.

The proposed realignment takes a portion of the Mid Murray Council and aligns it to The Barossa Council. The area which has been considered for realignment and therefore the basis of 10% of eligible ratepayers is outlined on the map on **Attachment 1**. We have been advised that there are 610 ratepayers in this area, therefore our target number of eligible ratepayers is 61. We have had overwhelming support from our community with over 120 signatures on **Attachment 2**.

The proposed realignment is for the existing boundaries with Light Regional Council and Goyder Regional Council to remain unchanged. The existing boundary with The Barossa Council to the west of Truro remains but then extends at Pipeline Road to the junction of Towitta Road, along Towitta Road to Baldon Road and meets at the Sturt Highway. Approximately 1km east down the Sturt Highway, the boundary continues along Dutton East Road and joins the Goyer Regional Council boundary. The proposed boundary east of Truro follows the roadways and the geographical hill line including Accommodation Hill which divides the 'hills farming area' from the Murray Flats.

The reasons for council boundary realignment and a map of the proposed boundary were submitted to the eligible electors whose signatures appear on the petition:

- Mid Murray Council is not financially viable without significant additional Federal funding which has not been forthcoming.

- Truro and Dutton require basic infrastructure that MMC can't provide without grant funding e.g. playgrounds, toilets.
- The community is disadvantaged by the isolation as the head office is in Mannum.
 - Mannum council office is 80km away and takes approximately 60 minutes to travel
 - The Barossa council office is 16km away and takes approximately 15 minutes to travel
- The environmental footprint and logistics involved to travel to between Mannum and Truro for works etc.
- Truro and Dutton residents do not have access to the MMC Community services including transport for disadvantaged residents to drive them to non-urgent medical appointments and activities. This service cannot be provided by The Barossa Council because we are not their residents.
- Many services used by Truro and Dutton residents are in the Barossa region. These include employment, shopping, medical, banking and financial services, health including physiotherapy and gyms, aged care and in home care, sport, schooling including Kindergarten and Secondary, libraries, church, social and community networks.
 - Truro residents do not travel to the other communities and towns of the Mid Murray Council to access these services.

This proposal aligns resources to where they are most needed and provides value to the ratepayers of the Truro District.

We ask that you consider our proposal for boundary realignment for the Truro and Dutton communities and have included these attachments:

Attachment 1 – area within the proposed boundary realignment

Attachment 2 – completed Form 1 — Local Government Act 1999 (Section 27) Declaration By Eligible Electors

Attachment 3 - Certification from Mid Murray Council Chief Executive Officer, Ben Scales

Attachment 4 – various documents including minutes of the meetings of the Representatives of the Truro and Dutton Community, associated emails and the letter to the residents of Truro and Dutton

Kind Regards,



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