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Dear Mr ~~Laurie~~ *Neil*

Thank you for your letter of 13 September 2012, forwarding Petition 1947-12 regarding the possible de-amalgamation of the former Stanthorpe Shire Council from the Southern Downs Regional Council.

The due date to submit proposals to de-amalgamate a council area to me was 29 August 2012. I received 19 proposals and referred those from Douglas, Isis, Livingstone, Mareeba and Noosa to Mr Col Meng, Queensland Boundaries Commissioner, for detailed analysis. Over the next couple of months, the Commissioner will work with the Queensland Treasury Corporation to scrutinise the financial and logistical aspects of the proposal. The Commissioner will report his recommendations back to me by 28 November 2012.

I have written to the Stanthorpe de-amalgamation proponents and Southern Downs Regional Council indicating I am keen to sit down and work out what options may exist to address the issues raised in the proposal. It is my desire to see the best local solution implemented to maximise the success of Southern Downs Regional Council.

If you require further information, please contact Kirsten Stewart, Manager, Office of the Queensland Boundaries Commissioner, on 3898 0520 or kirsten.stewart@dlg.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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