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**Minister for Natural Resources
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Mr N J Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
Alice and George Streets
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 17 May 2005 enclosing a copy of Petition No. 468-05 lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Petition draws to the attention of the House the request for the areas of Mirreen Drive, Cangella Court, Coolamon Court, Boorala Court, Dinjarra Court, Elowra Court, Cocarrara Court, Alinjarra Court, Pimpala Court and Clancy Court to be known as part of Tugun and not Currumbin Waters.

The suburbs of Currumbin Waters and Tugun in the City of the Gold Coast were initially gazetted in November 1982 on Queensland Place Names plan QPN 230 and again in February 2003 under the *Place Names Act 1994* on Queensland Place Names plan QPN 764.

Since the most recent gazettal in 2003, officers of my Department have advised a number of local residents that the above proposal has merit. Departmental officers have provided additional assistance to these residents in the form of hardcopy mapping, advice on procedural matters and any statutory requirements that need to be met.

Any further action on these matters must come from the community in the form of a written application for change or amendment. This would be based on the attached "*Principles of Boundary Definition*" and should also include a map detailing the proposed suburb boundary change.

Once this has been received, my Department will take the necessary procedural steps to assess the level of community support as defined under the *Place Names Act 1994*.

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It would also be an advantage if copies of correspondence from elected representatives; local residents or interested groups could be provided as evidence of support for the proposal.

On completion, the application should be forwarded to the Regional Service Director, South East Region, Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Locked Bag 40, Coorparoo DC Qld 4151 who will take the appropriate action in accordance with the *Place Names Act 1994*.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

STEPHEN ROBERTSON MP

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PRINCIPLES OF BOUNDARY DEFINITION

Boundary definition principles for suburbs and localities include:

1. "Communities of interest" or areas clearly contributory to a single set of community facilities should form the basis of a suburb entity and, where possible, these communities should not be bisected by a suburb boundary.
 2. Contiguous areas of similar character and similar functional relationships should be included in the same suburb/locality wherever possible.
 3. Boundaries between suburbs/localities should follow definite and distinguishable community and physical barriers. These should be immediately apparent in the field and easily identifiable and will often coincide with breaks in residential development and/or zoning. In this category are "open space" areas, ridges, creeks, minor flood plains and major industrial concentrations.
 4. Expressways, freeways, major arterial roads, highways, railways, canals or pipelines, all of which may separate communities by allowing few crossing points, can be suitable boundaries.
 5. A suburb/locality name and areas may extend across a local government boundary, but will USUALLY coincide with such a boundary.
 6. Boundaries can align with:
 - Centrelines of roads (first preference)
 - Cadastral boundaries (second preference)
 - Natural features (third preference)as negotiated with the relevant local government.
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1. As far as practicable, no streets or roads should be divided so that sections of the roads are in different suburbs/localities.
 2. Community usage should be taken into consideration, subject to the avoidance of undue boundary irregularities.
 3. As a general guide, separate suburbs are defined in a town or city which has more than 100,000 total population. Each suburb should ideally have an actual or potential population of between 10,000 and 20,000 people.
 4. No locality/suburb boundary should bisect a lot into separate localities with the exception of large State Forests, National Parks, Lakes etc. which may be in different localities.
 5. No further use of neighbourhoods is to be permitted. All new suburbs/localities are to be bounded and recorded as suburbs/localities in their own right.
 6. Estate names should be avoided as names for localities/suburbs as this may lead to the use of the name for commercial purposes.