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Minister for Local Government

MEDIA STATEMENT

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SNOWY VALLEYS AND COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCILS

Today I have referred two elector proposals concerning Snowy Valleys Council and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council to the Local Government Boundaries Commission for formal assessment.

I have made the decision following extensive public exhibition of the proposals which resulted in a combined 1,550 submissions being lodged by the local community and councils.

In relation to Snowy Valleys, 533 submissions were received.

In relation to Cootamundra-Gundagai, 1,017 submissions were received.

I have directed the Boundaries Commission, an independent statutory authority, to hold a public inquiry as part of the process.

The Boundaries Commission will now follow its own processes in accordance with the Local Government Act.

It is required to have regard to a range of factors in assessing the proposals including financial advantages/disadvantages, the local community and geographic cohesion, attitude of residents and ratepayers, and any impact on council operations and staff.

The Boundaries Commission will then provide me with statutory reports for consideration before I decide whether to recommend implementation of the proposals to the Governor.

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