



Wendy Tuckerman
Minister for Local Government

MEDIA STATEMENT

Wednesday, 14 September 2022

STATEMENT FROM MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL

The NSW Government has committed to demerging Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council in line with the recommendations of the Local Government Boundaries Commission and the strong support of the local community.

This is a very complex undertaking, and I've asked the Office of Local Government to provide advice on a path forward consistent with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

While the demerger process is occurring I have made it clear that it is my expectation that the Council continues to act in the best interests of the entire community.

This includes refraining from taking decisions that would unduly constrain the future decisions or operations of new Councils.

The OLG has issued Guidelines to Cootamundra Gundagai to support this while a transition plan and process are developed.

This process is ongoing and I look forward to working with Council as we continue down the path of demerger.

I recognise the community interest in this process and we will be providing regular updates as we move forward.

We remain committed to holding elections for the new councils at the next ordinary local government elections in September 2024.

I thank Cootamundra-Gundagai council and the community for their understanding as we work through the complex challenges of demerging the council.

MEDIA: Damien Bolte | 0498 359 624