

# Media Release



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## Council supports residents in opposing boundary proposal

The Adelaide Hills Council, in support of the aspirations of affected residents, continues to oppose the Campbelltown City Council's proposal to realign the council boundaries in Woodforde/Rostrevor.

Adelaide Hills Council Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom said Campbelltown commenced the boundary reform process in early 2019 without any meaningful engagement with the community or the Adelaide Hills Council and has encountered strong and unwavering objection to the proposal ever since.

"We've listened to our residents from the start and stand firm in supporting the community belief that they would be better served in the Adelaide Hills Council district. In late 2019 we commissioned a survey to formally gauge their views and the results showed 65 per cent of respondents were against the boundary change proposal," said Mayor Wisdom.

As a result of this feedback, Adelaide Hills Council formally requested Campbelltown withdraw from the process in early 2020 but they did not formally bring the survey results to their Chamber until April 2021. In the interim Campbelltown commissioned their own survey and again the results showed that the majority of the respondents (63 per cent) were against the boundary change proposal.

"Both surveys show that the community don't support the change so it is disheartening that Campbelltown is pushing ahead with the process" said Mayor Wisdom.

Now after almost three years of uncertainty and frustration for the affected community, Campbelltown has finally lodged their proposal, known as a Stage 2, with the Boundaries Commission for assessment. The role of the Boundaries Commission going forward will be to review the proposal before determining, on 18<sup>th</sup> May, whether it can progress to a Stage 3 independent inquiry.

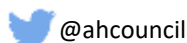
"Until a proposal gets to Stage 3, Adelaide Hills Council doesn't get the opportunity to formally voice its views. We fully support the Boundary Commission in the process they have to follow but will continue to advocate for all our residents who wish to remain in the Adelaide Hills," said Mayor Wisdom.

Following a stage 3 inquiry the Boundaries Commission provides a report to the Local Government Minister with recommendations regarding whether the proposed boundary changes should occur, it is then up to the Minister's discretion as to whether the recommend position is adopted.

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