



Hon David Crisafulli MP  
Minister for Local Government,  
Community Recovery and Resilience

Our ref: MC13/1961

Your ref: 10.4 Petitions

**7 JUN 2013**

Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
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BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

*Neil*

Thank you for your letter of 23 May 2013 about Petition 2008-12 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

On 29 June 2012, I announced the appointment of Mr Col Meng as the Queensland Boundaries Commissioner and outlined a process whereby all Queensland communities impacted by the forced amalgamations in 2008 had the opportunity to submit proposals for de-amalgamation.

The closing date for the submission of proposals was 29 August 2012, with a total of 19 proposals in support of de-amalgamation being received. No submissions were received in relation to the de-amalgamation of Redcliffe from Moreton Bay Regional Council.

Following an initial evaluation of the 19 submissions received, five were referred to the Queensland Boundaries Commissioner for detailed evaluation. Community polls were held on 9 March 2013 in Noosa, Livingstone, Mareeba and Douglas. As you would be aware all four polls resulted a majority yes vote for de-amalgamation to proceed.

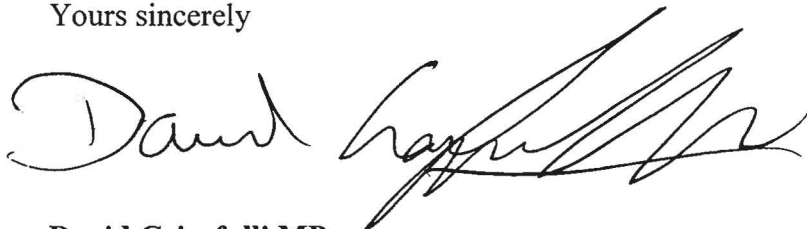
Regardless of the outcome of these polls, the process put in place required communities to submit proposals by 29 August 2012. The matter of further de-amalgamations in Queensland is closed and no special consideration will be given to any new proposals for de-amalgamation.

Where communities have genuine concerns about representation being provided by their current local governments, I am prepared to work with the council and community to generate new ideas and solutions to empower the whole community, under the existing council banner.

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If you require any further information, please contact Mr Gary Kleidon, Director, De-amalgamation Support Unit on (07) 3006 4199 or [gary.kleidon@dlgcrr.qld.gov.au](mailto:gary.kleidon@dlgcrr.qld.gov.au), who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Crisafulli', written in a cursive style.

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