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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 2 May 2013 about Petition 2104-13 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 submissions was 29 August 2012, with a total of 19 community submissions in support of de-amalgamation being received. No submission was received in relation to a Redcliffe de-amalgamation.

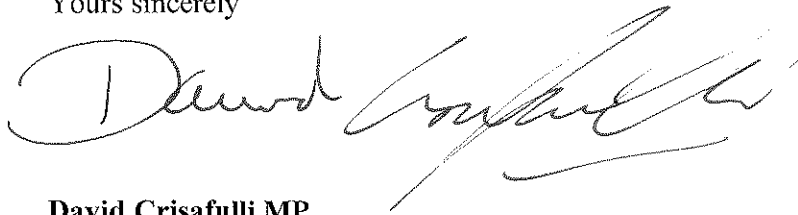
Following an initial evaluation of the 19 proposals, five were referred to the Queensland Boundaries Commissioner for detailed evaluation which resulted in community polls being held in Noosa, Livingstone, Mareeba and Douglas. As you would be aware the polls conducted on 9 March 2013 all resulted in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

Regardless of the outcome of these polls, the process put in place required that the community provides a proposal 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.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Gary Kleidon, Director,
De-amalgamation Support Unit on (07) 3006 4199 or gary.kleidon@dlgcr.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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