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*Dear Neil*

Thank you for providing me with a copy of the wording of petition no. 838-07, lodged with the Legislative Assembly of Queensland, regarding the impact of local government reform on Tiaro Shire Council.

As you are aware on 27 July 2007, the independent Local Government Reform Commission (the Commission) announced its recommendations on the name, class, boundary and electoral arrangements for each new local government.

The Commission recommended that Division 3 of Tiaro Shire form part of the Gympie Regional Council. As stated in the Commission's report, Gympie is the major service centre for Killkivan and Cooloola Shires, as well as Division 3 of Tiaro Shire, where major retail, health, commercial, financial and government agencies are located. This shared community of interest is one of several reasons why Division 3 was more logically grouped within the Gympie Regional Council.

The Government has accepted all of the boundary change recommendations of the Commission. These were implemented through the passing of the *Local Government Reform Implementation Act 2007* which became law on Friday, 10 August 2007.

The Gympie Regional Council Local Transition Committee is currently being established to lead the local-level transition for this new local government.

It is important to note stronger councils will have greater capacity to focus more on the delivery of local services and infrastructure.

This is a good result for the people of Queensland.

Yours sincerely

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