



SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Agenda

Meeting to be held in the Council Chambers

82 Brisbane Street

Beaudesert

Tuesday, 27 January 2015

Commencing at 10.30 am

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Section 275(1) A local government or committee may resolve that a meeting be closed to the public if its councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss-

- (a) the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees; or
 - (b) industrial matters, affecting employees; or
 - (c) the local government's budget; or
 - (d) rating concessions; or
 - (e) contracts proposed to be made by it; or
 - (f) starting or defending legal proceedings involving it; or
 - (g) any action to be taken by the local government under the Planning Act, including deciding applications made to it under that Act; or
 - (h) other business for which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain financial advantage.
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OPENING OF MEETING

ATTENDANCE

APOLOGIES

1. PRAYERS

Desley Agnoletto and Sharon Redmond will offer prayers.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

3. RECEPTION OF DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday, 9 December 2014

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6. RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 January 2015

- Corporate & Community Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 January 2015

- Planning & Development Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 January 2015

7. CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS OF MEETING

7.1 Review of Divisional Boundaries

Executive Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Item Author: Coordinator Governance and Corporate Policy

File Reference: 13/07/001

Executive Summary

It is recommended that a proposal to request the Minister to make voluntary changes to the region's divisional boundaries be endorsed for community consultation.

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

Not applicable.

REPORT

In accordance with provisions of the *Local Government Act 2009*, the divisional boundaries of local governments are determined by the Minister on recommendation of the Local Government Change Commission. Recent correspondence received from the Hon David Crisafulli, Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience, reminded Council that in preparation for the 2016 quadrennial elections, each local government must, by 1 March 2015:

- a) advise the Minister and ECQ whether their divisions are within quota; and
- b) make any submissions for voluntary changes to their electoral arrangements.

For local governments with in excess of 10,000 enrolments, the enrolments within each division must not be more than 10% above or below the average for the local government area.

Statistics supplied by the Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) show the enrolments for the region's six divisions as at 10 December 2014 were as follows:

Division	2008 Election	2012 Election	10/12/2014 Enrolment Data		
			Total	Variance from average (4341)	
				Count	%
1	3829	3969	4107	234-	5.39-
2	4013	4379	4826	485+	11.17+
3	3891	4025	4347	6+	0.14+
4	4110	4126	4286	55-	1.27-
5	3633	3831	3957	384-	8.82-
6	3950	4284	4522	181+	4.17+
Total	23426	24614	26045		

These statistics confirm that:

- a) Enrolments of all divisions are growing but at differing rates;
- b) Division 2 enrolments currently exceed the 10% tolerance; and
- c) Division 5 enrolments are close to falling below the 10% tolerance.

Council has liaised with officers of the Electoral Commission of Queensland and Department of Local Government Community Recovery and Resilience regarding the process to bring divisional enrolments to within the 10% variance. Their recommendation is that Council submit a voluntary change proposal which has been prepared with some level of community consultation.

In order for Council to assess the extent of boundary changes required to achieve a more balanced level of divisional enrolments, ECQ has supplied enrolment statistics at Census Collector District level. Having reviewed that data it is recommended that for consultation purposes, Council propose the following changes:

1. Transfer Area A (hatched on Attachment A) from Division 2 to Division 1 (This area comprises all of Division 2 on the eastern side of Tamborine Mountain north of Golf Course Road.);
2. Transfer Area B (hatched on Attachment B) from Division 6 to Division 5 (This area comprises that part of Division 6 within the area bounded by Red Bridge Road, Pocock Road, Hoya Road, Coronation Drive and Boonah-Fassifern Road.); and
3. Transfer Area C (as hatched on Attachment C) from Division 6 to Division 5 (This area is bounded Old Rifle Range Road, Allandale Road, Church Street, Ley Street, Elliot Road and Ipswich-Boonah Road.).

It has also been noted that the western boundary of Division 3, as established in the 2008 Local Government Reform process, follows the following alignment:

- Mount Lindesay Highway from Beaudesert south to Kooralbyn Road;
- The interstate train line from Kooralbyn Road to Running Creek Road; and
- Mount Lindesay Highway from Running Creek Road to the NSW border.

For consistency it would be desirable to align that boundary to follow Mount Lindesay Highway for its entire length. Aerial photography indicates that the affected area (Area D on Attachment D) contains:

- 12 houses (currently in Division 3) in the section between Kooralbyn Road and the rail underpass at Innisplain; and
- 8 houses (currently in Division 5) in the section between the rail underpass at Innisplain and Rathdowney township

It is considered that moving this section of boundary from the railway to Mount Lindesay Highway would therefore result in a net transfer of about 8 enrolments from Division 3 to Division 5.

The net effect of the above on the 10 December 2014 enrolments would be as follows:

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4	Division 5	Division 6
Enrolments on current boundaries	4107	4826	4347	4286	3957	4522
Area A	319+	319-				
Area B					173+	173-
Area C					49+	49-
Area D			8-		8+	
Enrolments on revised boundaries	4426	4507	4339	4286	4187	4300
Variance on revised boundaries	85+ (1.96%)	166+ (3.82%)	2- (0.05%)	55- (1.27%)	154- (3.55%)	41- (0.94%)

Strategic Implications*Community Plan*

Not Applicable.

Corporate Plan / Operational Plan

Not Applicable.

Budget Implications

Administrative work to prepare a voluntary change proposal can be funded from existing budget allocations.

Legal / Statutory Implications

Whilst Council may submit a voluntary change proposal to the Minister, it is at the Minister's discretion whether to refer that proposal to the Local Government Change Commission.

Risks

Indistinct or inappropriate boundaries can result in frustration by voters and future Divisional Councillors when attending to needs of residents.

Conclusion

It is considered these proposed adjustments will address the current imbalances between divisional enrolments and improve the clarity of boundary alignments.

Consultation

The boundary change proposals have been developed with assistance and advice from the Department of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience and the Electoral Commission of Queensland.

Given the tight timeframe and limited scope of the proposed changes, community consultation is planned by Media Release and information displayed on Council's website. Documents outlining the proposal will also be made available for inspection at Council's Customer Service Centres.

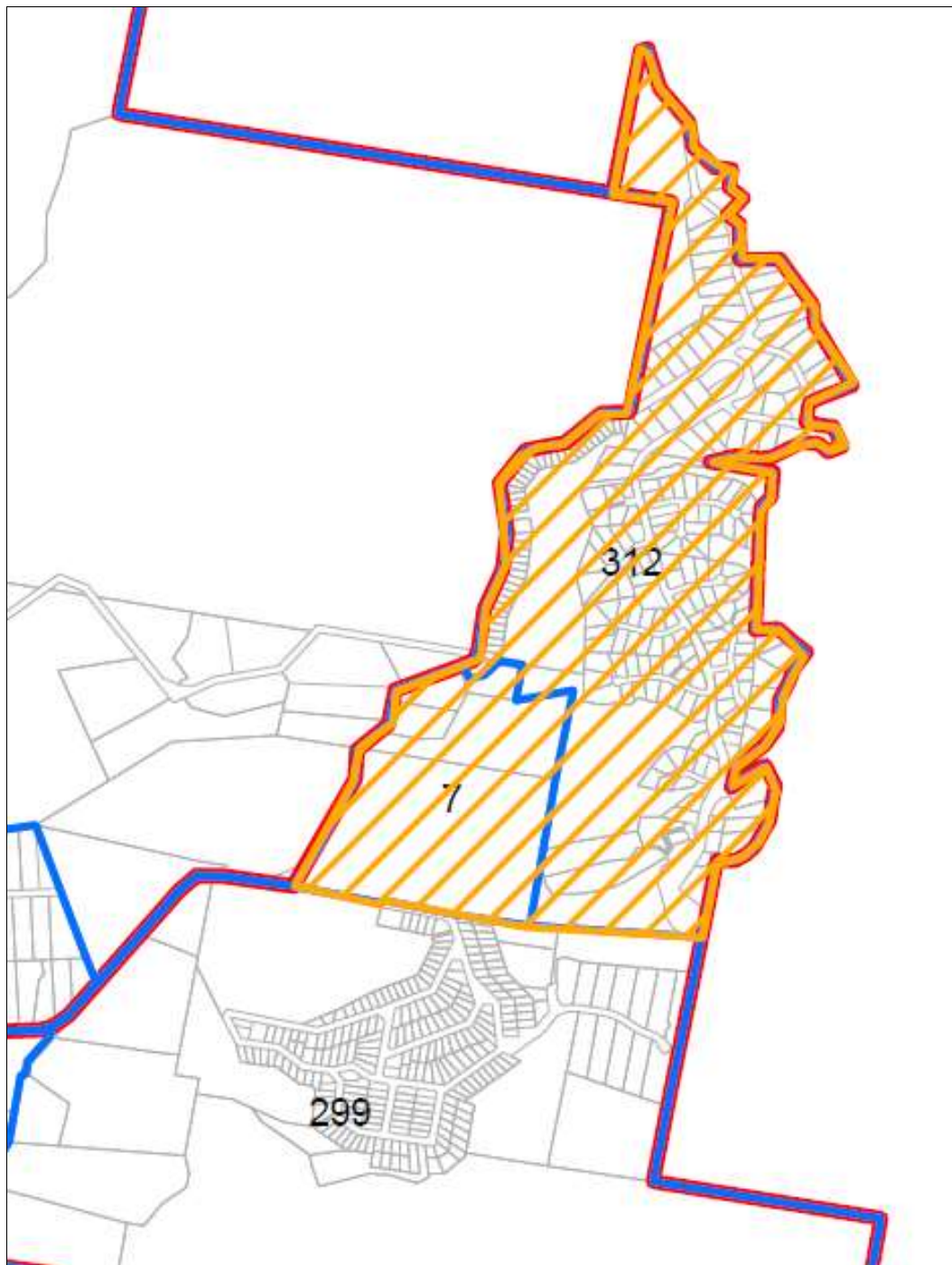
Chief Executive Officer's Recommendation**That:**

1. Council endorse for public consultation the proposed changes to the region's divisional boundaries as described in Attachments 1, 2 and 3 of this report;
2. Council consider the outcomes of the public consultation process at its February meeting and determine at that juncture whether to proceed with submission of the proposed changes (with or without amendment) for consideration by the Minister Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience.

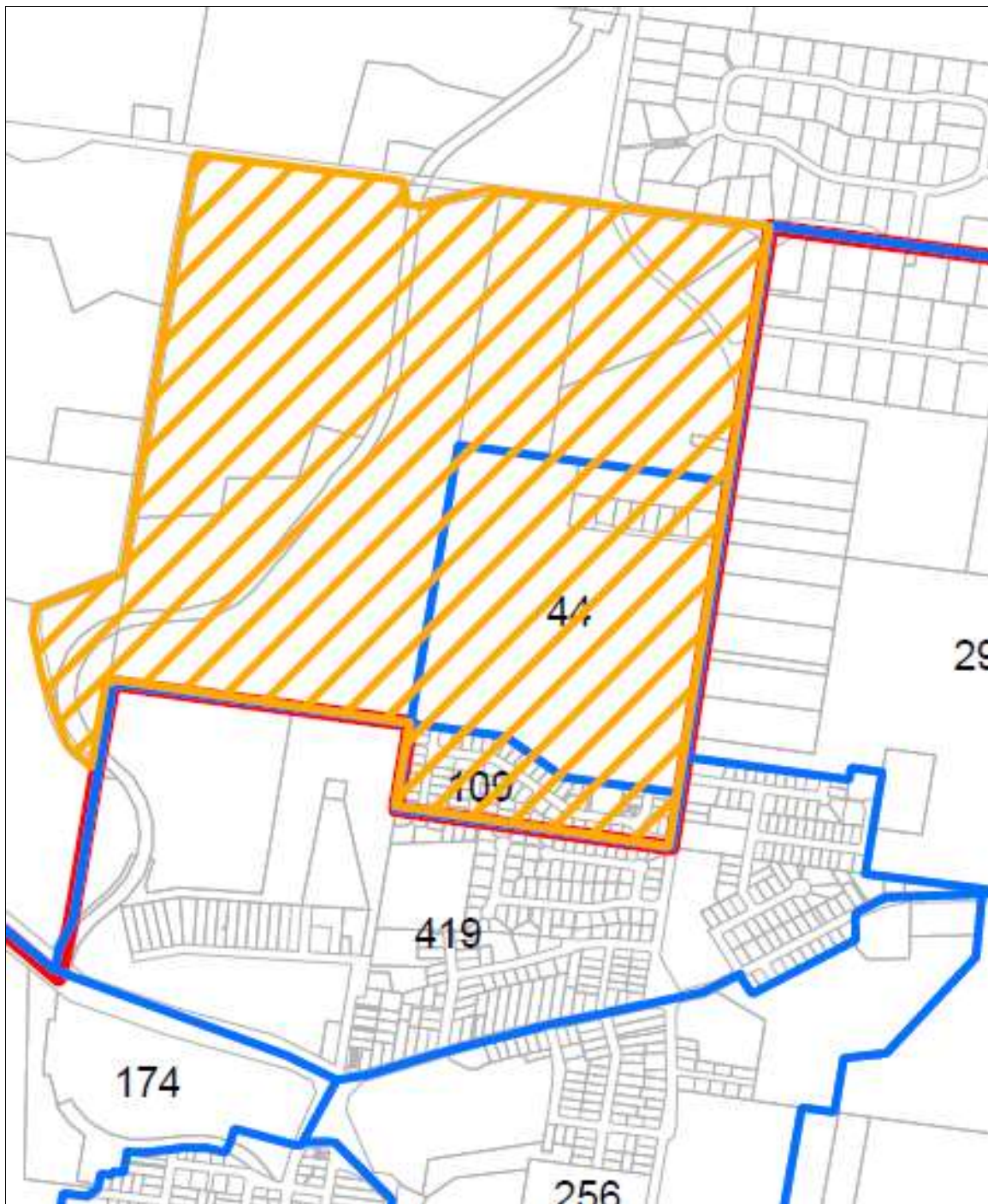
Attachments

1. Area on eastern side of Tamborine Mountain proposed for transfer from Division 2 to Division 1.
2. Area on northern side of Boonah proposed for transfer from Division 6 to Division 5.
3. Area east of Boonah proposed for transfer from Division 6 to Division 5.
4. Areas between Kooralbyn Road and Running Creek Road proposed for transfer between Divisions 3 and 5.

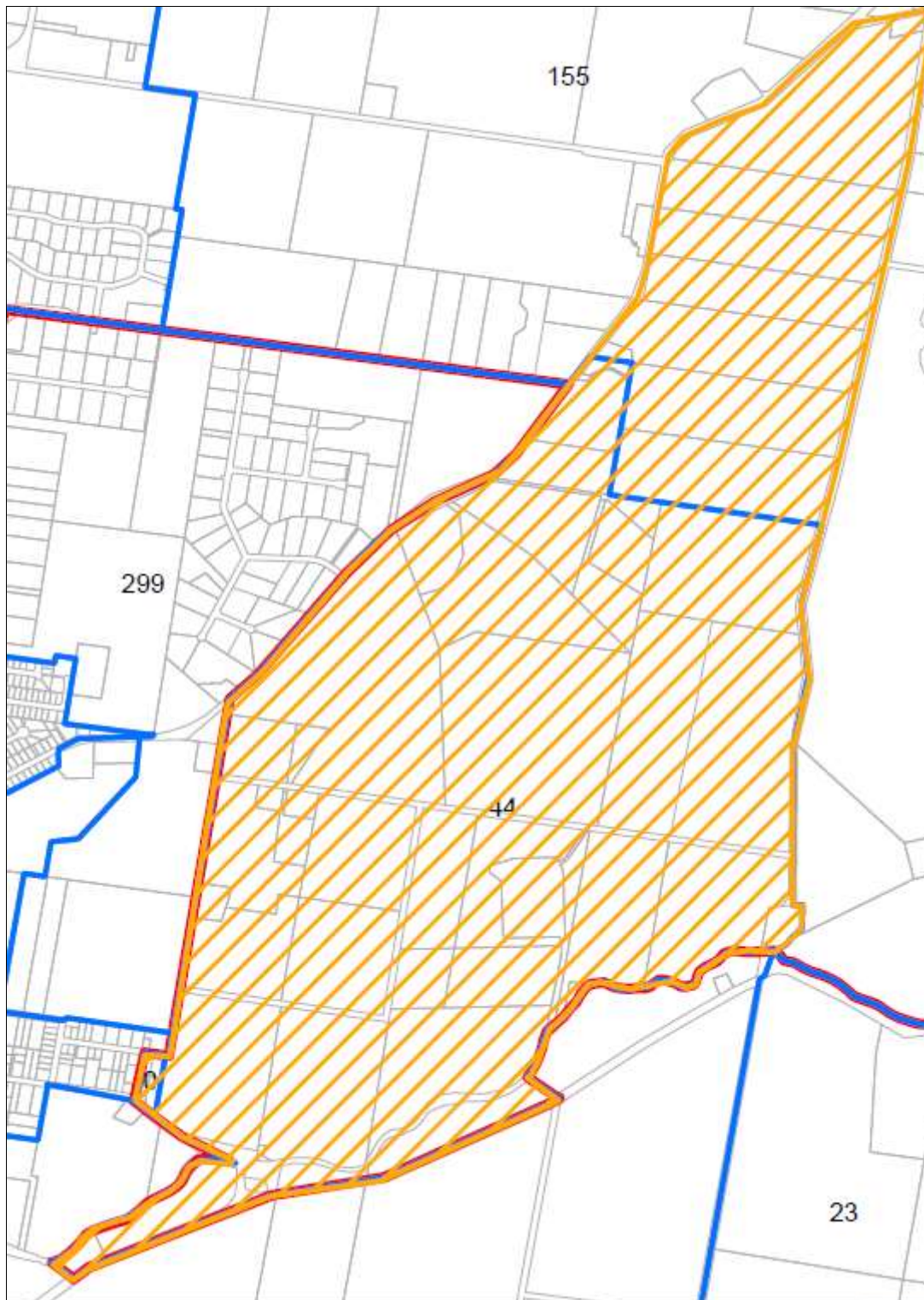
Attachment 1 - Area on eastern side of Tamborine Mountain proposed for transfer from Division 2 to Division 1



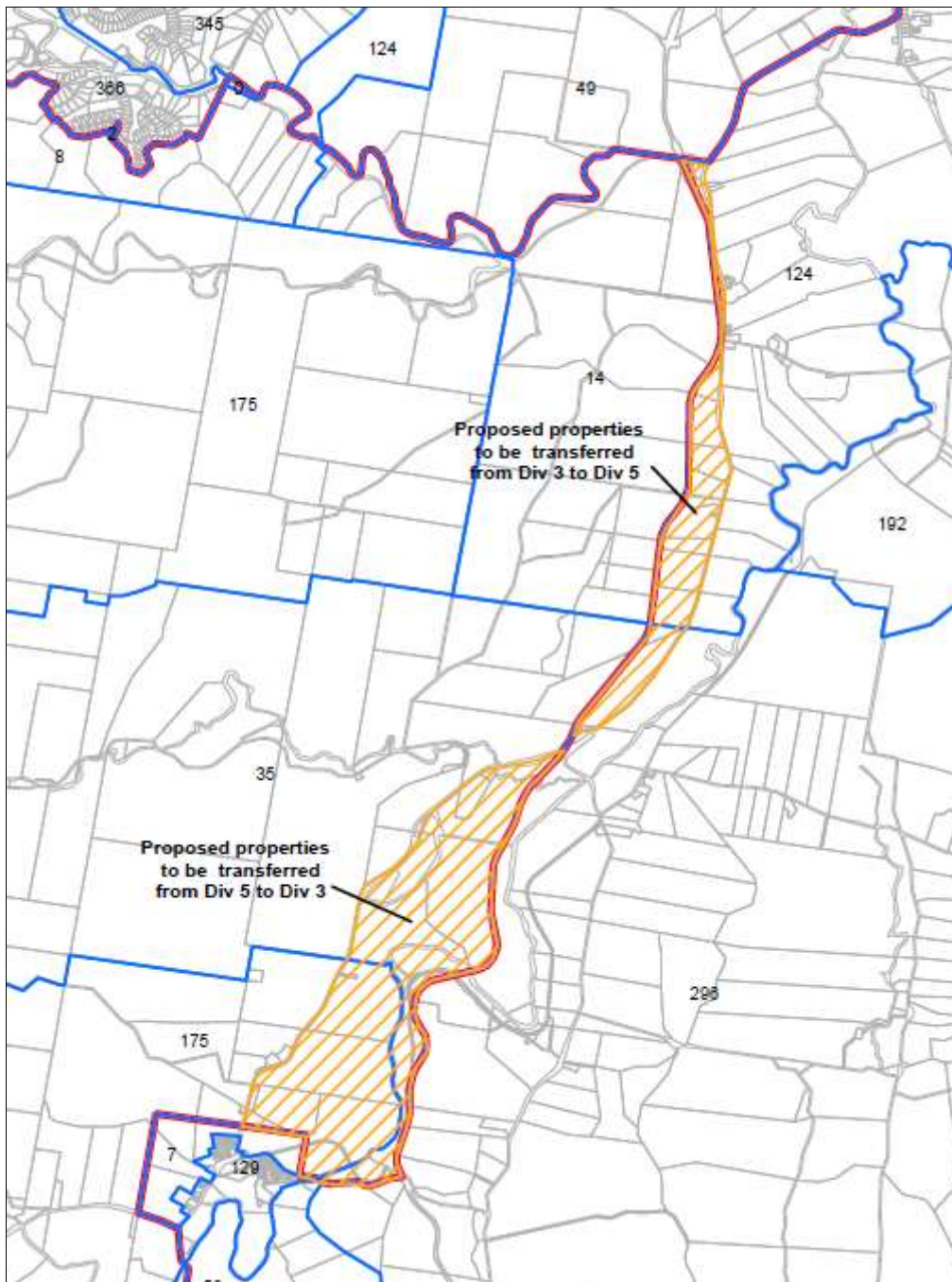
Attachment 2 - Area on northern side of Boonah proposed for transfer from Division 6 to Division 5



Attachment 3 - Area east of Boonah proposed for transfer from Division 6 to Division 5



Attachment 4 - Areas between Kooralbyn Road and Running Creek Road proposed from transfer between Divisions 3 and 5



**7.2 Queensland Urban Utilities Participating Local Government Loans
[Closed s.275(1)(h)]****Executive Officer: Chief Finance Officer****Item Author: Chief Finance Officer****File Reference: 12/11/002**

Reason for Confidentiality

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- (h) other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

8. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS