



Media Release

Council Makes ‘In Principle’ Decisions – Composition and Ward Structure

Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1999 requires Council to undertake a complete review of all aspects of its composition and the division (or potential division) of the Council area into wards, at least once in each relevant period that is prescribed by the regulations (determined by the Minister – approximately every eight (8) years).

Adelaide Plains Council (then District Council of Mallala) last completed a representation review in September 2013, and in accordance with the Local Government Act and as determined by the Minister, is due to complete the next review by October 2021. Mr Craig Rowe of C L Rowe & Associates has been engaged to facilitate the current representation review.

Public consultation on the Representation Options Paper concluded on Friday 29 January 2021 with a total of five (5) submissions received.

Elected Members, at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 February 2021, considered a Submissions Report, and the Options Paper, and made some ‘in principle’ decisions regarding its preferred composition and ward structure:

- Retain a Mayor, elected by the community
- Abolish wards
- Composition of 9 area councillors and 1 Mayor

A Representations Review Report will be presented to Elected Members, pursuant to section 12(8) of the Local Government Act, at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 March 2021 and, once endorsed, will be released for public consultation. “This will be the community’s opportunity to comment on Council’s ‘in principle’ decisions as outlined above and I encourage you all to participate in the public consultation process,” said Mayor Wasley.

For more information regarding the elector representation review, please contact Council on (08) 8527 0200 or email info@apc.sa.gov.au.

Mark Wasley
Mayor

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