

21 April 2022

BOUNDARIES COMMISSION EXTENDS REGISTRATION DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Local Government Boundaries Commission public inquiry into Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's business case for de-amalgamation is being held at the following times and venues:

Venue 1: Cootamundra Ex-Services Club, 299 Parker Street, Cootamundra	Venue 2: Gundagai District Services Club, 254 Sheridan Street, Gundagai
Wednesday 27 April 2022 Session 1: 5:30pm – 7:00pm	Thursday 28 April 2022 Session 1: 4:30pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 28 April 2022 Session 2: 9:30am – 12:00pm	Friday 29 April 2022 Session 2: 9:30am – 12:00pm

Any member of the public wanting to attend the inquiry should register by 10:00am Tuesday, 26 April 2022 on the Commission's website www.olg.nsw.gov.au/lgbc or by contacting the Executive Officer at EO@lgbc.nsw.gov.au or (02) 4428 4160.

Whilst the Commission encourages pre-registration, people will be able to register in person prior to the commencement of each session if capacity permits.

Commission Chair Bob Sendt said

“the Commission acknowledges concerns the community may have about this process being undertaken for a second time in 18 months. However, this is a new proposal submitted by Council, and the Commission must undertake its examination in accordance with the Local Government Act.”

Mr Sendt said the Commission is required to consider the views of residents and ratepayers and it encourages interested parties to express their views on the new proposal at the public inquiry or via a written submission.

Call for written submissions

The Commission has also called for written submissions from the local community in relation to the de-amalgamation business case.

Mr Sendt said

“I encourage anyone with an interest in this matter to make a written submission which the Commission will consider in examining the proposal.”

Mr Sendt added that “The Commission cannot automatically carry forward previous submissions in examining the current proposal. However if a member of the public wants the Commission to take their earlier submission into account, they can write to the Commission requesting this.”

Written submissions can be made by email to eo@lgbc.nsw.gov.au or by mail to LGBC Executive Officer Locked Bag 3015, Nowra NSW 2541. They must be received by COB 2 May 2022.

The Commission has also published FAQs on its [website](#) to inform the local community about the process.

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