



## **Boundaries Commission completes its examination of “demerger” proposals**

The Local Government Boundaries Commission has completed its examinations of the two elector-initiated proposals to demerge the Snowy Valleys Council and the Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council.

Chairman Bob Sendt said that the Commission's reports have now been submitted to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Shelley Hancock MP, for her consideration.

“It is important to understand the role of the Boundaries Commission,” Mr Sendt said.

“The Commission is set up under the Local Government Act as an independent statutory authority.

“Where the Minister refers a proposal to change local government boundaries, the Commission’s role is to examine the proposal, consider the factors set out in the Act, and make a recommendation to the Minister.”

“For these two proposals, it is important to understand that the Commission’s role was not to re-examine the 2016 merger proposals or decisions. Our role was forward-looking – to determine what we believe will now be best for these communities.”

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