



Department of Government Services

Local Government Victoria

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[REDACTED]
By email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 19 October 2025 to Local Government Victoria, regarding your queries about municipal boundary realignments in Victoria.

I appreciate you taking the time and effort to write about this matter.

I understand that your property is currently situated across two municipal boundaries and note your concerns of having to deal with two separate councils in relation to your property, including in relation to planning matters. I further note your request for advice regarding the boundary realignment process.

I can advise that the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) sets out the process for making changes to a municipal boundary.

Under section 235(a) of the Act, the Minister for Local Government may make a recommendation to the Governor in Council to make an Order in Council to alter the boundaries of a municipal district. Section 238(1) of the Act provides that prior to making a recommendation under section 235(a), the Minister must establish a restructuring advisory panel to conduct a review of the matter and consider the report of the restructuring advisory panel. To form a panel, there would need to be sufficient interest and benefit in a review for the communities and councils involved.

Alternatively, section 238(2) of the Act provides an alternative pathway for the Minister to recommend a proposed boundary change without the requirements to form a restructuring advisory panel first in limited circumstances. If the boundary anomaly affecting your property requires only a minor boundary change, under section 238(2) of the Act, the Minister may recommend that an Order in Council be made to give effect to minor boundary changes if both councils have approved the proposed change, and if public notice has been given in the municipal district or districts affected by the proposed changes.

Requests to consider a municipal boundary change under the provisions of the Act outlined above are generally made jointly by the councils that are affected by a proposed boundary change.

If you have not done so already, I would encourage you to discuss this matter with the relevant councils in the first instance to understand whether there is support for any proposed municipal boundary change.

If the councils affected by a proposed boundary change have any queries about the municipal boundary change process, they may refer these queries directly to Local Government Victoria at: lqv@dgs.vic.gov.au.

I trust this information has assisted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' followed by a horizontal line that tapers to the right.

Dan Harper
Acting Executive Director
Local Government Victoria

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