

**BORDER REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS
MEETING – 14 FEBRUARY 2020**

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS

1. Request to Amend Legislation with respect to Exclusion Fencing – The Hon Adam Marshall MP, Minister for Agriculture & Western NSW
2. Request to Amend Legislation with respect to Exclusion Fencing – The Hon Shelley Hancock MP, Minister for Local Government NSW
3. Requested Appointment of a Queensland Cross Border Commissioner – The Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk, Premier & Minister for Trade Qld



29 January 2020
G/21 OCR2020718

The Hon Adam Marshall MP
Minister for Agriculture & Western NSW
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Minister

Re: Request to Amend Legislation with respect to Exclusion Fencing

Discussion took place at the Border Regional Organisation of Councils (BROC) Meeting in August 2019 regarding the outstanding success of exclusion fencing in the Balonne Shire Council area in Queensland and how the availability of loan funding from the Queensland Government to Balonne Shire for on-lending to farmers is contributing to the reinvigoration of the sheep industry in this area.

The meeting resolved as follows:

"That BROC write to the relevant NSW State Minister with a view to amending the Legislation regarding the special rates scheme with particular respect to exclusion fencing and make representations to IPART".

The next meeting of BROC will be held at St George on Friday, 14 February 2020. Mayor Richard Marsh and CEO Matthew Magin have extended an invitation for BROC members to undertake a tour of exclusion fencing in the Balonne Shire area (to be confirmed for Thursday, 13 February) and on behalf of BROC I extend an invitation to you so that you have the opportunity to witness, first hand, the success of this State/Local Government partnership.

An invitation will also be extended to your colleague, The Hon Shelley Handcock MP, Minister for Local Government so that she can consider the Legislation regarding special rates and make representations to IPART on BROC's behalf with particular respect to exclusion fencing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me direct on 0411 475 301 should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

Cr Peter Petty
Chair

Cc The Hon Barnaby Joyce – Federal Member for New England
Ms Janelle Saffin MP – State Member for Lismore



29 January 2020
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The Hon Shelley Hancock MP
Minister for Local Government
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

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An invitation has also been extended to your colleague, The Hon Adam Marshall MP, Minister for Agriculture & Western NSW to take part in the tour on 13 February and attend the BROC meeting on 14 February 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact me direct on 0411 475 301 should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

Cr Peter Petty
Chair

Cc The Hon Barnaby Joyce – Federal Member for New England
Ms Janelle Saffin MP – State Member for Lismore



10 February 2020
G/21 OCR2020803

The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP
Premier & Minister for Trade
GPO Box 15185
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Email: thepremier@premiers.qld.gov.au

Dear Premier

Re: Requested Appointment of a Queensland Cross Border Commissioner

The Border Regional Organisation of Councils (BROC) is an organisation of eight (8) Councils sitting in the border regions of New South Wales and Queensland, the objectives of BROC being:

- (1) To provide a forum for member councils to consider and discuss matters affecting the region;
- (2) Advocate for the best outcomes for the region at a State and Federal Government level;
- (3) Ensure the sustainability of the region through contributing to the effectiveness of all member councils; and
- (4) Undertake projects that have a material benefit to some or all member councils of the organisation to promote regional co-operation and the efficiencies of individual councils.

At the meeting of 8 November 2019 held at Moree, the meeting resolved unanimously to write to the Queensland Government to promote the appointment of a Queensland Cross Border Commissioner.

Member Councils have also been requested to support this initiative and copies of these letters of support will be forwarded in due course.

Mr James McTavish, Cross Border Commissioner for NSW regularly attends the BROC meetings, assisting to resolve issues and working with Linda Keeshan, Director, Intergovernmental Relations of the Queensland Dept Premier & Cabinet, however the BROC group is keen to advocate for the Queensland Government to appoint a Cross Border Commissioner with a similar role, flexibility, and responsibilities to that of Mr McTavish.

Your consideration of this matter and timely response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely


Cr Peter Petty
Chair

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10/2/2020

Cc Mrs Deb Frecklington MP, Leader of the Opposition & Shadow Minister for Trade
Ms Ann Leahy MP, Shadow Minister for Local Government