

Dear Mayor McAlister, Deputy Mayor Palmer, and Mr McMurray,

Please find appended my report for Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council.

I stand ready to answer any questions that you may have in relation to this report.

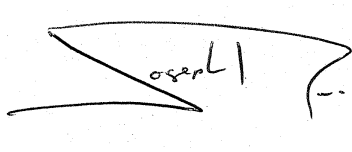
I am also more than happy to provide further evidence to the Boundaries Commission, the Minister for Local Government, the Deputy Premier, or the Premier. Please feel free to pass on my email address (Joseph.Drew@uts.edu.au) and phone number (0416489475) to these parties.

My sole interest in this exercise was to ensure that the community of Cootamundra-Gundagai received the best expert advice possible regarding its financial sustainability position and what might be done to address problems.

It is my firm belief that a de-amalgamation is the best way forward for the community.

If I can do anything to help decision-makers in their efforts to promote the community's interests, then I will certainly do so.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Drew". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and "D".

Professor Joseph Drew

A/Prof University of Technology Sydney

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