

## MEDIA RELEASE

# NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS TO BE REDUCED TO 9 FROM THE NEXT COUNCIL ELECTION

In April 2016, the City of Port Lincoln commenced an Elector Representation Review to determine whether the community would benefit from any alterations to the composition and ward structure of Council and to ensure fair and equitable representation for our community.

The review was concluded on the 19 December 2016 whereby Council resolved to change its current composition to the following:

- Principal member of the Council continues to be a Mayor, elected by the community
- The Council area not be divided into wards (the existing no wards structure retained)
- The Elected Council will comprise the Mayor and nine (9) Area Councillors who represent the Council area as a whole.

Council have been operating effectively with only nine Councillors since the resignation of Councillor Rogers in August 2015, resulting in no major changes to its current structure.

Mayor Bruce Green said "I am confident that having one less Councillor will have no detrimental impact on the performance of future decision making within the Council".

The Electoral Commission has certified that the review undertaken by Council satisfies the requirements of Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1999 and will come into effect from the next Council elections in November 2018.

The process involved the preparation of a 'Representation Options Paper' and a 'Representation Review Report' that were available for public consultation in August 2016 and November 2016 respectively.

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