



David Speirs MP

Member for Black



Mr U Bierbaum and Mrs C Bierbaum
1B Esplanade
MARINO SA 5049

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Dear Mr and Mrs Bierbaum

Proposed council boundary changes

I am writing in relation to the City of Holdfast Bay's recently announced proposal to include Marino within their council boundaries - and I am keen to hear your views about this suggestion.

As a former City of Marion councillor (for Marino) and deputy mayor, I bring insight into how this might work and I am broadly supportive of the move. My support is based on the following:

- **rates** would be significantly reduced for households switching from Marino to Holdfast Bay, across the suburb of Marino it is estimated that residents would pay \$500,000 less to Holdfast Bay, resulting in an average saving of several hundred dollars per household
- there are strong **geographical and community links** between Marino and Kingston Park (which is in Holdfast Bay) and in fact there are parts of Marino which cannot be reached by road without driving through the City of Holdfast Bay
- **coastal protection** is becoming increasingly important and the coherent management of the coast through Marino would be better served by a council with a greater focus on coastal issues (which I believe Holdfast Bay does)
- Marino residents frequently visit **City of Holdfast Bay sites** (such as Jetty Road, Brighton and its beaches) and are likely to feel an affinity with these locations.

As this proposal will require input from the state government, I am interested in your views and have provided a survey overleaf for you to complete.

I look forward to hearing what you have to say.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID SPEIRS MP
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Ps, This is by no means a reflection on your current ward councillors, Crs Ian Crossland and Tim Gard are doing a good job and I find them a pleasure to work with.



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Community SURVEY

Your views are important to me...



Would you support Seacliff Park/Marino being moved to the City of Holdfast Bay?

Yes No Unsure, would like more information

Do you think rates are too high in the City of Marion?

Yes No Unsure

Do you think you get value for money for your council rates?

Yes No Unsure

Do you think the City of Marion looks after local assets effectively?

Yes No Unsure

Additional Comments

Your details

FULL NAME:

PHONE:

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Thank you for completing this survey.

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