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963 TRIM 3260

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- This report recommends that Council support a submission to the Geographical Names Board for the proposed realignment of the locality boundary from Tahmoor to Thirlmere from:
  - The current boundary location being the road centreline of Tickle Drive to the southern property boundary of Lot 2 DP DP920876, Lot 3 DP 606962, and Lot 192 DP 618071 (the corner property being Lot 191 DP 618071 will be totally within the locality of Thirlmere).
  - The current boundary location being the road centreline of Brundah Road to the eastern property boundary of Lot 14 DP 30970, Lot 15 DP 30970, Lot 16 DP 730970, Lot 17 DP 46882, Lot 18 DP 746882, and Lot 19 DP 746882 from Tahmoor to Thirlmere.

**REPORT**

**BACKGROUND**

In November 2015 Council became aware that there was a locality boundary discrepancy effecting ten (10) properties on Tickle Drive and Brundah Road. The current locality boundary line is situated on the road centreline of Tickle Drive and Brundah Road with Thirlmere being to the North/West and Tahmoor being to the South/East. Council's property information system showed that these ten (10) properties were located within Thirlmere instead of being in Tahmoor as shown in Council's GIS.

Letters were sent to the residents advising that the correct locality for their properties was Tahmoor not Thirlmere. The residents raised grievances in reply as they thought their locality had always been Thirlmere and submitted written reasons in support of realigning the locality boundary from the road centre lines to the rear property boundaries so that each property fell within the locality of Thirlmere.

This case meets the Geographical Names Board (GNB) guidelines that a locality boundary review can be submitted with supporting valid reasons such as difficulties with the delivery of emergency services and resident concerns.

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**Resident Submissions**

- Residents have only used Thirlmere as their locality for last 28 years with no concerns
- Residents received no prior notification or reasons for the changes in 1991
- Thirlmere Post Office is closer than Tahmoor Post Office
- Emergency Services have no difficulty locating them as Thirlmere
- Concerns that their properties will decrease in value
- Thirlmere Public School is much closer than Tahmoor Public School (localities determine which school children are to attend)
- School Bus routes for students – Thirlmere Primary bus stop is 1 minute walk, Tahmoor Primary bus stop is 17 minute walk
- All residents use Thirlmere as part of their postal address and have not had any issues.

Consultation with the GNB found that localities in Local Government Areas prior to 1991 existed in “name only” as there were no formal boundaries gazette. Current and historic registered deposited plans show the locality for some of these properties was once Thirlmere as advised by the residents. The GNB confirmed the locality boundary was moved to the road centre line for Brundah Road and Tickle Drive in 1991 when locality boundaries in Wollondilly Shire were formally gazetted by the GNB.

**Australia Post Submission**

Australia Post advised they hold these properties in their National Address File as being situated in Thirlmere and not the correct locality of Tahmoor. They advised they will support the submission to realign the locality boundary in question due to multiple delivery issues it will cause if it they have to amend the National Address File. They have had no delivery issues with their systems having the properties being Thirlmere. Deliveries are made by the Thirlmere Postal Contractor and all un-deliverable items are currently carded to Thirlmere Post Office. They have raised possible complications and costs of having some parcels go to Tahmoor and some to Thirlmere.

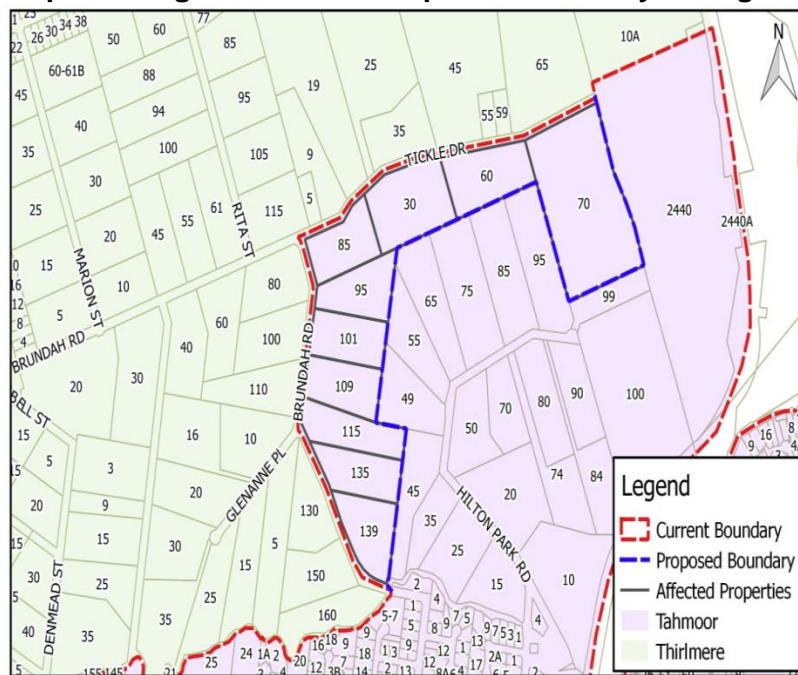
**Strategic Planning Department**

Council’s Strategic Planning Department advised the land zones were amended in June 2015 for properties in this area to R5 Large Lot Residential providing future potential for subdivision; this will have no effect on the proposed locality boundary changes.

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**Map showing Current and Proposed Boundary Changes:**



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**CONSULTATION**

- Executive
- Geographical Names Board (GNB)
- Australia Post
- Residents of Brundah Road and Tickle Drive
- Strategic Planning

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This Proposal has no financial implication for Council.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council supports the proposed realignment of the locality boundary from Tahmoor to Thirlmere from:
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2. That Council supports this locality boundary review to be submitted to the Geographical Names Board for final determination at their next Annual Meeting in March 2016.