



CR GREG ROGERSON

Division 10

In my previous column I outlined a number of serious concerns that I have regarding proposed changes to the boundaries of Division 10 as proposed by the Local Government Change Commission, which could take effect from March 2020. Under these proposed changes, Eumundi would be one of many Hinterland towns and communities no longer included in Division 10. The "new look" Division 10 would essentially comprise of Nambour, Bli Bli, Woombye and the far western outskirts of Marcoola and Pacific Paradise.

Having served the great town of Eumundi and around 30 other Hinterland communities for the last 8 years, I've developed a very strong sense for what is important to these areas and the people within them. I would therefore find it extremely tough to make such an abrupt change of focus to new areas of the Sunshine Coast and I'm sure the residents of Eumundi and other affected communities would feel a great deal of

confusion and uncertainty at next year's local elections.

I'm very pleased to report that council shares the strong concerns I have on this matter and has included them in a very detailed list of concerns and recommendations which was sent to the Local Government Change Commission. Council's recommendation to the commission is that the historical settlement connections and current and ongoing community and business connections between Yandina, Eumundi and Nambour are respected and that these towns should be retained in Division 10. Here's hoping the Change Commission considers our very real concerns and makes the right decision for the futures of these great towns and communities.

Parking the matter ...

One of the top priorities of my two terms as Divisional Councillor for the great town of Eumundi has been to ensure that local residents, tourists, business owners of the town,

and market stall holders, are looked after and given a fair go when it comes to car parking on market days and indeed every day of the week.

Recently, there's been some angst from business owners who have copped a fine on a non-market day for parking well beyond the allowed duration in timed parking bays outside their business premises. While I sympathise with those who have received a rude shock by way of a fine, I would also remind them that these parking regulations are in place to help their businesses by encouraging regular turnover of cars within these parking spots, therefore enabling potential customers to easily find a park.

I have taken on board the genuine complaints aired to me and I have sought consideration by Council's Parking Infringement Team on the possible waiving of these fines, under the circumstances raised.

I'll be meeting with local

business owners to address and discuss their concerns, including Council's timed parking criteria, in the very near future and hopefully by then I have received word back on the fines!

Road Reseal works

If you're a regular commuter along North Arm-Yandina Creek Rd, please be aware that Council will be carrying out some very important resurfacing works from 30 October to 6 November. Restricted on-street parking will be in place between the hours of 7am and 5pm and traffic movement through the area will be restricted while these works are in progress. So please keep an eye out and take extra care if you live along this road or traverse it daily.

For Cr Rogerson's full submission to the Electoral Commissioner on Proposed Divisional Boundary Changes go to Facebook: Cr Greg Rogerson.