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Dear Mr Holden,

2022 Local Government Representation Review - City of Palmerston

Thank you for your letter dated 22 November 2022.

Unfortunately, Council cannot meet you on 13 December as the Council is not meeting on this date. To facilitate open discussion, we suggest that a workshop be held on Thursday 8 December at 5:30pm, instead of the Council Meeting on 6 December 2022.

I reiterate Council's position and previous correspondence that current ward proposals will reduce diversity, representation, voter choice, and is not a solution to the problem of informal voting. The proposals will hinder the ability to fairly represent constituents in Palmerston, they do not represent Palmerston's communities of interest, and they disregard council's knowledge of social conditions in our community.

Please come to the meeting prepared with alternatives for discussion, based on the information Council has provided to you in previous discussions and in our letters dated 19 October 2022 and 8 June 2022.

Should you have any queries or concerns please contact me on mayor@palmerston.nt.gov.au or (08) 8935 9969.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell