



# CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

August 30, 2023

## Media Release

### Options for adjustment of Ward Boundaries on exhibition

At today's Council meeting it was resolved to place two options for the adjustment of the Shire Ward Boundaries on Exhibition for Public Comment. The reason for this is because Council is preparing to move out of administration at the Local Government Elections to be held in September next year.

Council has been in administration since late 2013. However, the Local Government Minister has indicated that the Council will come out of administration at the next election.

There are three wards centred around the main population centres:

- A Ward – Wilcannia, Sunset Strip & White Cliffs (405 enrolled voters)
- B Ward – Ivanhoe & Tilpa (385 enrolled voters)
- C Ward – Menindee (290 enrolled voters)

Under section 211 of the *Local Government Act 1993* councils that are divided into wards must keep boundaries under review to ensure the difference in elector numbers between the wards does not exceed 10 per cent. Currently there is a variance of 40 per cent between Ward A and C. This has not been a problem under administration but will need to be resolved prior to going to an election.

Because it is necessary for the adjustment of ward boundaries to result in less than 10 per cent difference in elector numbers between the wards there are only two options available.

**Option 1-** leaves White Cliffs in A Ward but splits Wilcannia along the river, placing 23 electors into B Ward. It moves Sunset Strip and electors in the locality of Menindee between the river and the northern locality boundary into C Ward.

**Option 2-** Moves White Cliffs into B Ward but maintains all of Wilcannia Township in A Ward. This also results in several electors in the northern and eastern part of the rural sections of the Menindee locality moving into A Ward. Sunset Strip electors have moved into C Ward.

Submissions from the public must be received by 4pm, September 26, 2023.

Submissions must be made in writing to: The General Manager, Central Darling Shire Council, PO Box 165, Wilcannia NSW 2836. Or email: [council@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au)  
Submissions will not be accepted via social media.

Documents are available on Council's website at [www.centraldarling.nsw.gov.au](http://www.centraldarling.nsw.gov.au) under Public Notices and can be viewed at Council offices.

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