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Our Ref: 61-15684

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
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Dear Mr Swinbourn

Thank you for your further letter dated 20 March 2019 regarding Petition No. 092 – Woodbridge Primary School.

I am advised that the Department of Education has commenced the process of realigning the local-intake boundaries in the Midland–Guildford area. The next stage of this process will involve consultation with principals of the affected schools. The outcome of the consultation will determine whether local-intake areas will be realigned and, if so, whether changes can be implemented for 2020.

The Department determines the most suitable location for local-intake area boundaries to deliver education services equitably and effectively throughout the State. The number of dwellings in a local-intake area is restricted to a size that will support a viable, but not excessive, student enrolment. Geographical features, the location of other schools and public transport services are also considered. When local-intake areas are modified, it is standard practice for the Department to include a grandfather clause to preserve the current enrolment entitlements of existing students and their siblings.

As part of the process of establishing or amending existing local-intake areas, the Department consults with the relevant education regional office and principals of affected school communities. While the Department responds to public concerns regarding individual school local-intake areas, active community consultation is not a standard practice because the Department is unable to meet the varied and competing interests of individual community members.

Thank you for your continued interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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