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Proposal for second Cook Shire electoral division

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Cook Shire Council is proposing a second electoral division to better represent the vast Shire, which covers more than 100,000 square kilometres.

The proposal is open for community feedback until Friday, March 1, Cook Shire Council Chief Executive Linda Cardew said. "The opportunity to establish a northern division of Cook Shire has been discussed for some time and with the Local Government elections just over 12 months away, it's now time for Council to progress this," Mrs Cardew said. "There is no certainty the division will happen, the intention at the moment is to gauge the community's response to the options and, depending on the outcome, to submit a proposal to the Minister for Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs."

The survey has three options: for Cook Shire to retain its current undivided status; for Cook Shire to include a new Northern Division encompassing communities from Musgrave north, with a dedicated Councillor for that division; or for Cook Shire to include a new North Western Division, encompassing communities including Palmer River, Lakeland, Laura and Coen, with two dedicated Councillors for the Division.

The survey is available in hard copy at Council's Furneaux Street office, at the Bloomfield and Cooktown libraries and at businesses and community service centres throughout the Shire. It is also available to fill in electronically or print out from Council's website. Completed surveys must be returned in person to Council's office at 10 Furneaux Street or the Cooktown or Bloomfield libraries, by post to PO Box 3, Cooktown, 4895 or email to mail@cook.qld.gov.au by close of business on Friday, March 1.

For more information, view the survey on Council's website, or contact Linda Cardew via email to mail@cook.qld.gov.au or phone on 4069 5444.

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