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Dear Mr Gainsford

I refer to your correspondence dated 5 August 2021 to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Shelley Hancock MP regarding a resolution by Council to seek the support of the NSW Government to pay the costs of de-amalgamation of local government areas forced to amalgamate. The Minister has referred your correspondence to the Office of Local Government and has requested I respond.

Historically, considerations such as the cost of implementation of a de-amalgamation or amalgamation and the availability of funding are matters considered on a case by case basis, noting that the circumstances of each application will be unique to the Local Government Areas affected.

The issue of the costs of any de-amalgamation is a matter to be considered by the Government, should a decision be made under section 218CC to implement a proposal. Presently, no such proposal has been received from Inner West Council. The Minister will deal with any proposal submitted to her in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act.

Yours sincerely

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