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Dear Mr Hitchcock

Thank you for your letter dated 19 December 2018 regarding the establishment of proposed new Landscape SA Boards, and seeking clarification on how potential board boundary changes may be undertaken to ensure that they will not hinder the operation of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA).

As you are aware, the Marshall Liberal government is committed to natural resource management reform and will introduce new proposed legislation into the parliament in the first quarter of 2019.

I can advise that the boundary arrangements for the proposed new boards have not yet been determined. Board regions can only be established upon passage of proposed legislation upon proclamation of the Governor; and after my recommendation.

I acknowledge there is the potential for issues such as flood management associated with the Gawler River to be split across more than one board region.

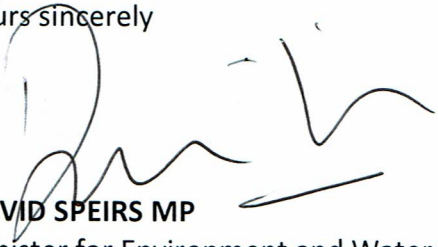
Under proposed legislation the new boards will focus on promoting local and regional partnerships to manage issues that often extend beyond regions and which require cross-regional coordination.

There are a number of mechanisms by which cross-regional coordination could occur, including through agreements between new boards and organisations such as the GRFMA.

It is my intention that the new boards will continue to promote strong collaboration across their respective regions and work closely with bodies such as the GRFMA to help identify funding opportunities which will contribute to flood management objectives and on-ground works.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me on this important matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Speirs', written over a horizontal line.

**DAVID SPEIRS MP**  
Minister for Environment and Water

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