

Hon Geoff Brock MP



Open letter to the Coober Pedy Community

To the People of Coober Pedy

On 2 February 2023, Her Excellency the Hon Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, appointed Colin Davies as the interim Administrator for the District Council of Coober Pedy.

Colin has been appointed to allow Tim Jackson to leave the position of Administrator at the time he has requested. He will serve as interim Administrator while the appointment of a long-term Administrator is finalised.

I was sincerely hoping I would be able to advise who Council's long-term Administrator will be. However, the thorough and public process that has been run since the extension to the Council's administration by Parliament late last year has proven to be time-consuming. I am aware that you are all keenly interested to know who the Administrator will be and anticipate that this announcement will occur soon.

In the meantime, you can have confidence that your Council will be in safe hands. Colin is an experienced local government manager and Chief Executive Officer, most recently at The Flinders Ranges Council.

I also look forward to visiting Coober Pedy when the new Administrator commences in late March, to introduce them to the community and continue our discussions on the steps that need to be taken to make your Council financially sustainable so that it may be returned to an elected member body.

Finally, I would like to thank Tim Jackson for his four years of committed service to the Council and the Coober Pedy community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Brock'.

Hon Geoff Brock MP
MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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