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As a long term resident of the Litchfield area, I strongly support the retention of the new suburb of Asche within the Litchfield Municipality and do not support any proposal to transfer Asche into the City of Palmerston or any proposal to change the current Local government boundaries.

The suburb of Asche is situated within the Holtze area and forms part of the natural growth and development occurring within Litchfield. Future residents of Asche will share strong connections with surrounding Litchfield communities through local infrastructure, recreational facilities, community networks, and the broader rural and semi-rural character that distinguishes Litchfield from neighbouring urban areas.

Keeping Asche within the Litchfield Municipality will provide continuity and certainty for residents. Local government boundaries should reflect communities of interest and support cohesive planning outcomes rather than creating artificial divisions. Separating Asche from the surrounding Holtze suburb within the Litchfield area would introduce unnecessary administrative complexity and could potentially result in fragmented planning, service delivery, and community representation.

Asche has been planned and developed as part of the growth occurring within the Litchfield region, at substantial development costs and implementing new policies to support this new suburb (Restricted Dog Area as an example) which has imposed significant work on Council in the development. Retaining the suburb within Litchfield ensures that future residents have representation through the council that understands the Litchfield area's unique character, growth pressures, and long-term aspirations. It also preserves a logical municipal boundary and avoids setting a precedent for further boundary changes that may weaken community identity.

From a resident's perspective, there is a strong case for maintaining the existing municipal arrangements. Asche should remain within the Litchfield Municipality so that the area can continue to develop as an integrated part of the broader Litchfield community, with consistent planning, governance, and representation for current and future residents.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that Asche remain within the Litchfield Municipality and that no consideration be given to transferring the suburb into the City of Palmerston. This approach best supports community cohesion, administrative stability, and the long-term interests of residents.

Regards Tracey Hyde
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