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Dear Review Board,

I wish to put my case forward in what I see as the best option for the Huon Valley Council.

In relation to Future of Local Government Review and the amalgamation of local councils I believe that Scenario 1 is the best option as it would establish two council areas within the Catchment – one, consisting of the existing Huon Valley municipality area, and the other, the existing Kingborough area, (minus Tarooma).

I am in support of Huon Valley Council's stance to support Scenario 1.

The HVC mayor, Sally Doyle, has stated that this scenario will allow for local representation of the Huon Valley's dispersed rural population, enhance its local voice and retain the Huon Valley identity.

In addition to the above points, it will also:-

- Prevent considerable amalgamation costs, disruption and potential job losses.
- Prevent the community's needs being marginalised in the event of amalgamation with an urban municipality.
- Continue Huon Valley Council's significant body of strategic work and community engagement program already underway, including the Community Vision, Strategic Plan and Land Use Development Strategy.
- Retain Huon Valley Council's cash reserves and positive long-term sustainable footing.
- Retain options for greater cooperation on shared services.

I agree with these sentiments.

However, I do also understand that there does need to be more efficient ways to operate councils and it would be advantageous for councils to share resources especially in the administration area.

Please do not merge Huon Valley Council with any other council.

Kind Regards

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