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Dear sir or madam , as a ratepayer on Flinders Island for the last 40 years and having family history with massive local government experience I don't believe Flinders should be involved in any amalgamations . Flinders Island has unique characteristics that aren't appropriate to share with other councils as air and shipping services would be involved. The council is an important employer of many locals , so the repercussions would be immense if we lose that status. There would be reduced air services, reduced shipping services and commensurate reduction in health and welfare services. We are basically an aging population and need our younger people to keep the various volunteer and sporting associations going. Flinders council also manages the funeral services on the island. We would not have the voting power to end up with our own representatives. All over a no win situation. In conclusion Flinders Council should be retained as a stand alone council.

Yours sincerely Kate Mooney