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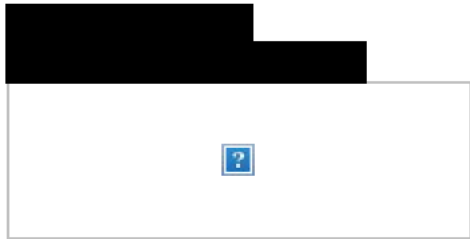
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Good morning,

Please refer to the below e-mail submission from resident/ratepayer [REDACTED].

Kind Regards,



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**Sent:** Monday, 24 July 2023 9:41 AM

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**Subject:** Future of Local Government Review feedback

Dear Tasman Councillors,

Re the proposed amalgamation scenarios put forward by the Future of Local Government Review.

I am a resident of [REDACTED], and I would like to contribute my

comments on the above.

I am not in favour of any of the proposed three scenarios. My reasons are:

In a University of New England report from 2017 by Professor Brian Dollery, an acknowledged authority on Council amalgamations he found "forced amalgamations across Australia, with the exception of Western Australia, and in every local government jurisdiction the financial claims just don't stack up."

Amalgamations are not popular. Professor Brian Dollery again:  
....."*forced amalgamations, which the NSW Government abandoned in July 2017 after a huge public outcry and numerous court challenges. The Government had planned 35 mergers, largely on economic grounds, which would have seen the State's 152 councils cut to 112. However, just 19 mergers have gone ahead*".

Loss of local representation. Other areas have larger populations, so they will have more representatives in those areas to put the views of their local communities.

I fear that there will be a concentration of assets in the larger areas at the expense of the smaller areas like Tasman.

Financial non viability is given as a reason for the need for small councils to amalgamate with larger councils, but Tasman is viable financially.

The state premier, Jeremy Rockliff acknowledges the Tasmanian community is not keen on amalgamations (17 July 2023 ABC news) "*We have listened, we have heard all of you and there will be no forced amalgamations,*" he said.

Local government minister Nic Street said recently that the community would have an opportunity to vote on the issue. This has already been tested; a poll of Tasman residents in 2019 showed almost 70% did not want to merge with Sorell Council.

Thank you,

Regards,

