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Dear Board members,

Re Southern Shore Community Catchment:

1. I got a pamphlet in my letterbox from Huon Valley Council encouraging public comment – Scenario 2 – *Establishing one Council area by combining the existing Huon Valley and Kingborough Council areas, minus Tarooona.*
2. Southern Shore Community Catchment Information Pack (May 2023) - *Scenario 2 establishes a single council, merging the existing Huon Valley and Kingborough LGAs. Unlike under Scenarios 1 and 2, Tarooona is retained in this potential Southern Shore LGA.*
3. It is not clear from the above whether it is proposed that Tarooona be included or excluded.
4. My submission is that Huon Valley and Kingborough LGAs should be combined to establish one Council area *but that Tarooona should be excluded.* Tarooona is more connected to Hobart than Kingston. Excluding Tarooona will only reduce the population of the combined Council by 3,771 and without Tarooona the combined population is still 55,357. The population of Kingborough is only 41,517 now. Gaining the Huon Valley LGA more than compensates for losing Tarooona. The same applies to total estimated rate revenue.
5. Scenario 1 transfers Tarooona to Hobart leaving Huon Valley unchanged. This doesn't improve the Operational Stability of Huon Valley and potentially impairs that of Kingborough.
6. Scenario 3 in my opinion is worse than the current situation. Huon Valley would assume responsibility for all of rural Kingborough without the benefit of the population and rate revenue of urban Kingston. Also, Huonville is not the service and administrative hub for rural Kingborough. While there are strong commuting links to Hobart from both Huon Valley and Kingborough, the two roads meet at Kingston and that is the logical service and administrative hub if the two LGAs are to be combined.

Regards,

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