

# THE FUTURE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW.

Being a resident & multiple ratepayer, of the Tasman Council and also having lived in the Tasman Municipality area for over fifty years, observing the wealth, growth and beauty of the place, it would only make perfect commonsense in disagreeing with the proposed amalgamation of our very important, financial stand alone Tasman Council looking back over the years since 1993-1994 the residents of Tasman Peninsula including myself, have been fighting tirelessly, hard & strong with governing bodies in working together unitedly, to reaching a better solution in abatement of keeping our most valued Council, the hub of our community. After all these years in battle, facing head on twice with devastating disasters, once in 1996 with the Port Arthur Massacre & again 2013, Runalley Bush Fires, without a doubt, we deserve to keep our council & no questions asked. Reason being, only for the good, strong leadership & hard working, supporting Tasman Council, many, many people, families & visitors would have ①.

never survived. Memories are still floating alive, in case you all have forgotten, we were completely shut off, closed up from Dunally down to the South end of the Tasman Peninsula.

There are many reasons why we must keep & need our essential based Tasman Council, as I have outlined.

We certainly deserve to keep our Council & a much needed separate one, we are disadvantaged by a great distance of 12.7 Kms to the nearest neighbouring Council, 'Jorell' This means exemption should be considered and in conjunction to this, stumbling block, when a crisis strikes at any given time the distance to your nearest Council Station will be vital & very threatening. The closure of the Dunally bridge over Denison Canal, can see us very isolated, referring to the past experience. The acknowledgement of these catastrophic events from the past, were lessons well learnt 'not to be forgotten by present & future empower governments.

There is nothing more to be said about (2).

keeping our very important Tasman Council independent, a rural & unique regional place to live in.

The Government must recognise the specified needs & circumstances for each individual councils.

Amalgamations are all about cost savings, it has been tried by other States & failed, at huge financial costs. I am also a Nassa Shire Council ratepayer. The amalgamation between Nassa Shire & Maroochydore Shire Councils were of nonfunctional working order, a pathway not for Tasmanians to walk down.

Myself & residents of the community would like to see that full consideration of all Council staff & employees keep their well deserving jobs, they to, play a very important role, in reforming & reshaping local governments future of Tasmania. My advice to the Government, examine carefully, be very wise, support the Tasman Council in serving up a new strategic management plan for the future ahead.

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Thank- You in giving your time to read  
my letter.  
Enclosed are my details,

