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To the local government review into council amalgamations - Tasmania.

Good evening.

Tasmania's population is approximately 1/10th that of Melbourne. Yet it has 29 councils. That would equate to approx 290 councils in Melbourne by comparison (population)

Melbourne has 31 councils. Work it out!

Even with 9 councils in Tasmania, it would equate to 90 in Melbourne.

It's still far too many councils.

Tasmania should have 3 councils.

The number of staff behind desks staring at computers has exponentially grown over the recent two decades. The cost to ratepayers is enormous and seemingly exponentially growing if rate rises are anything to go by! Deliverables by staff in offices is never transparent, nor proven, nor demonstrated, nor compared, nor audited.

There has to be economy of scale savings by reducing office staff in amalgamation of councils.

The expectation councils are all things to all people ignores the fact councils are there to primarily serve the people who pay their salaries, *the ratepayers*.

Roads, rates, rubbish, parks & gardens. They are core council responsibilities.

Yours sincerely

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