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Dear Board,

Thank you for providing so many opportunities for community engagement to your review.

This is my final submission to your review.

It is a copy of what I posted on Voices of Glamorgan Spring Bay Facebook page. It summarises the core ideas of my other submissions that discuss them in much more detail.

GREATER EAST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Dear Glamorgan Spring Bay Council citizens and ratepayers,

Imagine a scenario where Bicheno, Coles Bay, Swansea, Triabunna, and Orford are empowered by an officially elected voluntary representative committee of locals who advocate for your town. Who hold public meetings where locals can talk together to develop ideas for your town. And where these committees are supported by local government law that obligates council management and elected members to listen to and collaborate with, your local elected town committee on matters directly affecting your town.

Imagine a council that is well resourced and has adequate capacity to collaboratively deliver what towns reasonably require through close cooperation with each town. These scenarios can happen with local government reform but they're not happening now. Things have to change. All community groups currently hear is "sorry but council has no money". And council staff are run off their feet.

Do we want to keep what is broken just because we dare not dream for something better?

If we can have even better local representation than we have now, and better council capacity than we have now, what are we waiting for? Our northern cousins in Break O'Day share our interests. We have the Great Eastern Drive together, We have the East Coast Tourism together. We make money from the same types of economies. We share the coast to our east and the mountains to our west. We are a naturally bounded geographically discreet region.

Imagine enhanced Service Tasmania Shops in each town where locals can access

services for both state and council matters. And where there are real council staff that can help you and or put you into contact through digital means with who you need to talk to. Real time access with council staff would be so much easier than it is now for many of our local folk.

For these reasons, I propose the amalgamation of at least GSBC and Break O'Day into a Greater East Coast Regional Council.

