

26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Sorell and Tasman Council Review Submissions,  
Local Government Board,  
GPO Box 123,  
HOBART. TAS. 7001.

Mrs Jan E. Barwick,

Dear Local Government Board Members,

**RE: PETITION OPPOSING THE AMALGAMATION OF TASMAN COUNCIL WITH SORELL COUNCIL  
OR ANY OTHER COUNCIL.**

Please find attached a petition signed by electors of the Tasman Municipality who are strongly opposed to the amalgamation of Tasman Council with Sorell Council or any other Council.

Due to time constraints and our desired goal to achieve more than 300 signatures to negate Tasman Councils survey, the petition was only circulated for a short period of around two weeks.

The purpose was to not only negate the survey but to prove that the electors of the Tasman Municipality are not in favour of a merger with Sorell or any other Council and it has also revealed that Tasman Council were not open, transparent, consultative and inclusive with the constituents of Tasman regarding this very serious issue. It seems Tasman Council didn't undertake due diligence prior to deciding to request the Review Board to investigate a voluntary merger of Tasman with Sorell.

It was very pleasing to receive 500 signatures in such a short time-frame. We strongly believe that had it been in circulation for a longer period we could have easily received considerably more signatures.

Having easily surpassed our goal, it was decided to retrieve the petition to allow for its presentation to the Review Board during the hearings today.

We deliver our petition, with pleasure, to assist the Review Board with your deliberations on this extremely important issue and trust that you will make the correct decision.

Yours sincerely,



Jan Barwick