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Secretariat
Local Government Board
Hobart, Tasmania 7000

Dear Sir

Submission to the Local Government Board

Review of Sorell and Tasman Councils voluntary amalgamation and shared services options, with particular reference to Section 3.4 "what if the Board finds that none of the options provide a long term solution".

In the abovementioned section, the Board indicated that a boundary adjustment would potentially present a viable option for a long term solution, and it would be the Board's responsibility to advise the Minister if such a situation was perceived to be the case.

This submission therefore focuses on:

- (a) *A perception of what boundary adjustment of another municipality would fit the listed inclusions, and raises the question as to whether one/some/or all the suggested inclusions are required (to satisfy the Board's reasoning for a boundary adjustment).*

One can only assume that the significant area of another municipality that could possibly fit the Board's requirements would be from the Clarence municipality and, in particular, the area from Richmond, south through Cambridge to, and possibly including Lauderdale. Lack of information makes it difficult to comment, other than Richmond residents have already been surveyed and results indicate that Richmond residents wish to remain in Clarence.

- (b) *The significance of Richmond being part of any boundary adjustment.*

Since the amalgamation (25 years ago) of the South ward of the Richmond Council with the Clarence Council, Richmond has progressed dramatically as a tourist mecca, with the expertise and resources available ensuring planning and community consultation to support appropriate developments that make the local area a great place in which to live and work. The Richmond Advisory Committee (a subcommittee of Clarence Council with members representing local groups and the general community) has for 25 years provided a very successful avenue for Council to respond to the needs of residents/groups, and, on an annual basis, to collate and prioritise proposals for major and minor works for inclusion in Clarence Council's annual works budget.

Strong ties have been formed between Clarence Council and individual groups in Richmond, eg The Richmond Football Club, organised and effectively run by volunteers, has developed a close working relationship with Clarence Council personnel; Clarence Council have indicated their appreciation of the professional approach to the organisation and management of the Club, and the voluntary management group are appreciative of the facilities that have been provided in recent years. Any change to a different municipality for this local group would be unacceptable.

Until a review of the impact of any proposal by the Local Government Board is undertaken there is insufficient information on which to make further comment.

Yours faithfully

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