

Local Government review board,

Dear members of the board,

I am a rate payer of the Tasman municipality and recently retired small business owner within that community.

I would like to comment on the possible amalgamation of the Tasman and Sorell councils.

I have had a look at the KPMG report and found it to be a well presented and researched document.

In my view Tasman being one of the smaller councils in Tasmania and will serve its rate payers better by way of amalgamation instead of continuing to go it alone. The council is currently enjoying the benefits of resource sharing and has been for a few years now.

We have all heard the comments on how many rate payer's other councils have and the size of their budget compared to Tasmania's 29 councils, I think they have a point. If the way the private sector is going can be used as an indicator I feel this only strengthens the argument.

Kind Regards

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