

Re: Serell and Tasman Council Review  
Submissions  
Local Government Board.

Dear Members of the Local Gov. Board,

I am writing as a concerned rate payer about the proposed amalgamation of the Tasman and Serell Councils. I am against this for the following reasons - maintenance will get worse than it is now if we do not keep our single identity of the unique Peninsula way of life especially with all the tourist hot spots that are being made more accessible to the visitors. In my view it would be more sensible for the local members of council to be making decisions on behalf of the local community.

People (Councillors) who don't live in the district making decisions would be detrimental to the rate payers.

I have been a rate payer for 65 years and with amalgamation I can only see rates escalating with less benefits for residents than if it is left as is.

A very concerned resident and rate payer

Yours faithfully

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