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Sent: Tuesday, 10 April 2018 8:36 AM
To: Local Government Board (DPaC)
Subject: Council amalgamation: Sorrell and Tasman

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a ratepayer of Tasman Council I would like to lodge my objection to the possible amalgamation of Tasman and Sorrell Councils.

I can see no benefit to Tasman ratepayers of such an amalgamation. I would assume that any proposed savings will be at the expense of employees of the Tasman Council. Any savings, if any, would be very unlikely to come back to the Tasman community. The loss of employment in Tasman will see reduced services not improvements.

I believe the much smaller numbers in Tasman will be overridden by Sorrell and reduce ratepayer representation.

Tasman Council is already financially viable, an amalgamation would not improve this.

I believe Tasman and Sorrell to be significantly different communities and as such are best served by different councils. If an amalgamation were to go ahead, councillors from the more urbanised Sorrell community would not properly understand a small tourism/rural based community.

Yours sincerely,

James MacMahon
Tasman Ratepayer