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**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, 6 April 2018 4:30 PM  
**To:** Local Government Board (DPaC)  
**Subject:** Amalgamation of Tasman and Sorell Councils

Regarding the proposed voluntary Tasman Sorell Council Amalgamation.

I reject the idea that the proposed merger of Tasman with Sorell Council would be in the best interests of ratepayers.

I have read up on such things and given it a lot of thought and discussed the issue with neighbours and am writing to let you know I do not wish for the amalgamation.

It was once thought that small local governments allowed more community control, but were more costly than larger units.

Now the view is that smaller units are the most democratic and participative, and also the most efficient.

I have seen the Sorell Council clearly make Sorell a worse place to visit than it was 20 years ago. I want nothing to do with that dreary way of thinking and lack of interesting environmental planning.

Under the influence of Tasman Council, I know the Councillors know what it is I am talking about when I make contact with them. I feel heard. I can easily contact my Mayor who serves us well. Definitely place my name down as saying NO to amalgamation.

Yours faithfully,

Naomi Howard