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Subject: FORCED COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS

We strongly object to the method of Council Amalgamations as being entirely undemocratic. We believe that any such proposal should be put to the people of affected regions.

In particular regarding the forced amalgamation of Noosa Shire we both attended a special meeting of the Noosa Residents and Ratepayers Association in July. This meeting was addressed by the Minister for Local Government, Andrew Fraser. In response to a questioner we both heard Mr Fraser say to the effect "if all Queensland Councils were managed as efficiently as Noosa Shire this reform would not have been necessary in the first instance".

We strongly believe that the process has been rushed and unfair and request a democratic plebiscite.

Yours faithfully

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