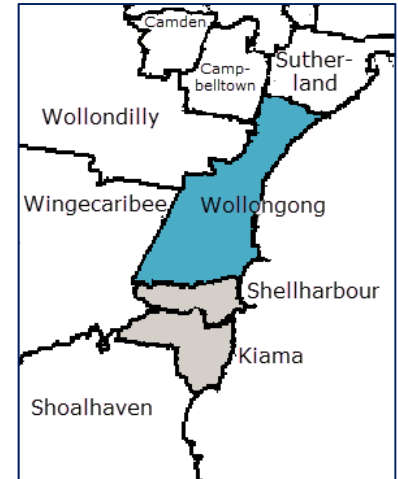


WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL – CIP

FIT			
Area (km ²)	684	Population 2011	202,050
OLG Group	5	(2031)	232,450
ILGRP Group	Illawarra		
Operating revenue (2013-14)	\$224.3m	TCorp assessment	Moderate FSR Neutral Outlook
ILGRP option	Council in Illawarra JO (shaded area).		
Assessment summary	Scale and capacity	Satisfies	
	Financial criteria:	Satisfies overall	
	• Sustainability	Satisfies	
	• Infrastructure and service management	Satisfies	
	• Efficiency	Satisfies	



Fit for the Future – FIT

- The council satisfies the scale and capacity criterion.
- The council satisfies the financial criteria overall. It satisfies the sustainability, infrastructure and service management, and efficiency criteria.

Scale and capacity – satisfies

- The council proposal is consistent with the ILGRP's preferred option to stand alone.
- Given the ILGRP's preferred option, the council was not required to demonstrate how it met each of the elements of scale and capacity.
- In particular, the council has a robust revenue base, scope to undertake new functions and major projects and has shown effective regional collaboration.
- Our analysis has not identified evidence for a better alternative to the council's proposal to stand alone.

Sustainability – satisfies

- The council satisfies the criterion for sustainability based on its forecast to meet the benchmarks for the operating performance ratio, the building and infrastructure asset renewal ratio and the own source revenue ratio by 2019-20.

Infrastructure and service management – satisfies

- The council satisfies the criterion for infrastructure and service management based on meeting the benchmarks for the asset maintenance and debt service ratios by 2019-20. It does not meet the infrastructure backlog benchmark by 2019-20, but shows improvement over the outlook period.

Efficiency – satisfies

- The council meets the efficiency criterion based on a decrease in real operating expenditure per capita over the period to 2019-20.

Other relevant factors

Social and community context	The proposal did not provide any details of social and community context.
Community consultation	The proposal did not provide any details of community consultation.
Water and/or sewer	The council does not have a water/sewer business.
Submissions	There were no submissions were received in relation to Wollongong Council's proposal.