



WALCHA COUNCIL'S FUTURE - SURVEY

WE WANT YOUR VIEWS!!

A Local Government Review Panel was established by the NSW Government in April 2012 tasked with the formulation of options for government models, structures and boundary changes for NSW Local Government. In October 2013 the Review Panel released their final report *Revitalising Local Government* which contained 65 recommendations for change. The NSW Government announced its response to the recommendations of the Local Government Review Panel by way of the *Fit for the Future Program*. (more information on Fit for the Future can be found at www.fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au). The recommendations for Walcha are that it merge with the Uralla Shire Council or consider a new Rural Council model, Government has **made it clear that no change is not an option**. Each Council in NSW must submit a proposal to the NSW Government by 30 June 2015 on how they will become fit for the future and they must use the recommendations as the starting point. Council is now seeking your view on possible changes.

1. Do you support the recommendation that Walcha Council merge with Uralla Shire Council.

Yes ☐

No ☐

Comment _____

The Fit for the Future Package has also introduced a new Rural Council model that may possibly have a streamlined Governance Structure the next few questions are about the possible changes under this model.

2. Walcha Council currently has 8 councillors would you be in favour of a reduction in this number and if you are what is an appropriate number.

Yes ☐

Number ☐

No ☐

Comment _____

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3. If there was a reduction in the number of Councillors would you be in favour of the elimination of the Wards?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Comment _____

4. Council now meets formally 11 times a year. How many do you feel would be an appropriate minimum?

Monthly ☐

Bi-Monthly ☐

Quarterly ☐

Comment _____

5. To assist Council improve its infrastructure (e.g. Roads, Bridges, Parks & Gardens) would you be willing to pay increased rates?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Comment _____

(optional) Name _____

Contact details _____

Survey Closes:

Friday, 24 April 2015

Please return to:

Walcha Council, 2W Hamilton Street, Walcha or Post to: PO Box 2, Walcha 2354 or Email to: council@walcha.nsw.gov.au

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