

# Fit For The Future Questionnaire

**Please provide us with your response:**

1. Do you live in:  
☐ Jerilderie town  
☐ Rural area
2. Are you a:  
☐ Ratepayer  
☐ Resident  
☐ Business owner  
☐ Local Government employee
3. i) My preferred option is:  
☐ Rural Council  
☐ Merge with Murrumbidgee Shire Council  
ii) Why did you choose this option?  
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4. What would you see as the major advantages in a merge with Murrumbidgee Shire:  
☐ It will unify our region  
☐ Less bureaucracy / more service delivery  
☐ Fewer Councillors  
☐ Increased Council capability  
☐ None / can't think of any  
☐ Other  
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5. What would you see as the major disadvantages in a merge with Murrumbidgee Shire:  
☐ Further increases in rates  
☐ Competition between 3 towns  
☐ Watered down representation  
☐ Loss of local identity  
☐ Reduction in volunteering / community involvement  
☐ None / can't think of any  
☐ Other  
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## JERILDERIE SHIRE COUNCIL AS A RURAL COUNCIL

6. Envisage decreased number of Councillors to 5:  
☐ Agree  
☐ Disagree
7. Strengths  
☐ High quality assets  
☐ Efficient service delivery  
☐ Low levels of bureaucracy  
☐ Others?  
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\_\_\_\_\_
8. Weaknesses  
☐ Financially vulnerable  
☐ Grant dependant  
☐ Ability to attract suitably qualified staff  
☐ Others?  
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9. Would you like to be given more information on the options available?  
☐ Yes  
☐ No
10. What are the best two ways for Council to communicate with you?  
☐ Newspaper  
☐ Letter drop  
☐ Website  
☐ Facebook  
☐ Mayor's Column  
☐ Community Meetings  
☐ Email

Email address:

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11. Do you have any further comments?

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Please complete and return questionnaire to Jerilderie Shire Council by 5.00pm on Monday 8 June 2015:

By post:

PO Box 96  
JERILDERIE 2716  
35 Jerilderie Street  
JERILDERIE 2716

Deliver to:

Email: [mail@jerilderie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@jerilderie.nsw.gov.au)

Fax: 03 5886 1701



## FIT FOR THE FUTURE QUESTIONNAIRE SUMMARY

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Do you live in:

Jerilderie town	35
Rural	17

Are you a:

Ratepayer	31
Resident	1
Business Owner	1
Local Government Employee	

Ratepayer/Business owner	6
Ratepayer/Resident/Business Owner	5
Ratepayer/Resident	5
Ratepayer/LG Employee	1
Ratepayer/Resident/LG Employee	1
Ratepayer/Resident/Bus Owner/LG Employee	1

My preferred option is:

Rural Council	43
Merger with Murrumbidgee Shire	8

### **Some comments also**

What would you see as the major advantages in a merge with Murrumbidgee Shire:

It will unify our region	7
Less bureaucracy/more service delivery	4
Fewer Councillors	8
Increased Council capability	5
None/can't think of any	33
Other	

### **Some comments also**

What would you see as the major disadvantages in a merge with Murrumbidgee Shire:

Further increases in rates	19
Competition between 3 towns	35
Watered down representation	27
Loss of local identity	30
Reduction in volunteering/community involvement	17
None/can't think of any	10
Other	

### **Some comments also**

## **Jerilderie Shire Council as a Rural Council**

Envisage decreased number of Councillors to 5:

Agree	42
Disagree	9
No Comment	1

Strengths:

High quality assets	37
Efficient service delivery	38
Low levels of bureaucracy	28
No comment	4

### **Some comments also**

Weaknesses:

Financial vulnerability	37
Grant dependant	26
Ability to attract suitably qualified staff	16
Others	1
None	6

### **Some comments also**