

BELGRAVIA LANDCARE GROUP INC.

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Dear Sirs

FIT FOR THE FUTURE - SUBMISSION

Belgravia Landcare Group Inc strongly supports Cabonne Council's proposal to IPART.

Belgravia Landcare Group has been active across an area of approximately 10,000 hectares within the Cabonne Local Government area for the past 22 years.

Cabonne Council understands the needs of its rural communities and the role landcare plays within the region. It has supported initiatives we have implemented (such as works along local roads, bridges and waterways) and has made its resources available to assist with co-ordination of landcare projects across Cabonne communities. Orange City Council and its ratepayers understandably have little experience or interest in larger scale "on farm" landcare activities. However, each Council currently responds effectively to the particular needs of their own distinct communities.

There appears to be no evidence to support a forced merger of Cabonne and Orange City Councils. We are concerned that dealing with urban based bureaucracies will compromise our ability to get things done on the ground in our region.

IPART should not support any recommendation for Cabonne Council to merge with Orange City Council – it makes no sense.

Yours faithfully



Grant Christopherson
Chairman
Belgravia Landcorp Group Inc.