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Submission: I strongly support our council in it's wish to remain a stand alone council. The only thing wrong with smaller rural councils is the lack of appropriate funding by the government over many years. Our council has always been very efficient, approachable and in touch with it's ratepayers. None of these pie in the sky proposals of bigger is better have ever worked anywhere, and won't in this case. Health and electricity boards are a prime example where it worked much better at a smaller and more personal level. Walcha has an almost unique fabric with it's isolation, a lot depends on volunteering and helping each other. Once this goes to a larger level the town will lose a lot of what now makes it a very special place to live in. I am also sick and tired of having to beg to be left alone every few years. What is wrong with the spineless bastards we elect to represent us when they can't finally put an end to all this rubbish and rule out amalgamation where it is not wanted and simply insist on proper funding. Look at the outlying towns around Tamworth and see what is has done for their betterment. If you really want to silence the bush proposals like this will do it.