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Submission: Dear Sirs,

in regards to the "Fit for the Future" Proposal I note the following:

1. This plan was developed without any initial consultation with the affected communities / councils. This is a very bad practise.
2. The further process of this project appears to be happening behind closed doors without informing the public about the details. This is again a very bad practise.
3. The suggestion is to make changes to the existing structures without having researched the exact details. The job of doing the research - including obtaining independent expert advise - has been burdened to the Councils via effectively forcing them to spend significant effort on making submissions to this proposal. A normal process would be that somebody who has an idea needs to prove that his idea has any value before moving on.
4. The result of this plan might be the establishment of very big administrative units. While big administrative units might make sense for some types of global plannings, they don't make any sense for the administration of local matters. An example of non-working big administrative units can be found in the NT - the so called "Shires".
5. I therefore strongly recommend to stop this plan and not to waste any further time and money on it.

Best regards,

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