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I happen to be overseas at the moment, but such is my passion to retain the independence of the Walcha Council that I am writing to you from Austria.

Gabrielle Kibble had it right. She agreed that Walcha should be left independent.

Walcha is a financially responsible and resourceful council. I personally would be willing to pay more taxes to maintain the status quo. Walcha covers a very large area geographically and its extremities are far removed from Uralla. Our rates are lower than those in the Uralla Council. We have voted strongly as a community that we do not want amalgamation, and neither do Uralla desire amalgamation. Our services work extremely well and efficiently. If you force amalgamation on us, our population will shrink, our schools will be affected, as will all our services and people will be forced to leave the district.

I suggest that you listen to the people. BIGGER IS NOT BETTER.

Carolyn Laurie

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