

The Premier
The Hon Mike Baird MP
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Dear Mike,

POSSIBLE CABONNE / ORANGE CITY COUNCIL AMALGAMATION

I would like to voice my concern in relation to any forced amalgamation between Cabonne and Orange City Councils.

My objections are based on the following:

- The debt from Orange Council will be transferred to all residents of the amalgamated council.
- There is no good financial reason to do so – the proposed savings to NSW tax and rate payers is minimal.
- Mergers are extremely disruptive and will distract for years from the actual service the Councils are meant to be providing.
- The amalgamation will effectively be a takeover of Cabonne Council by Orange City Council.
- Council jobs will be lost in Cabonne villages potentially devaluing housing.

I would appreciate your response advising me in detail how the above will be avoided if the Council's are amalgamated.

Yours sincerely,
Donna Nancarrow

