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Submission: As a rate payer and a resident of the Central Coast for 30 years in the Wyong area.

**I AM AGAINST ANY MERGER OF THE COUNCILS.**

I have seen the growth of the area as a resident and a professional working on the Central Coast. I have seen that both Councils have wasted money as do all councils.

On the face of it, Gosford council over the years has always been the favourite council being given the majority of road funding, support for Gosford Hospital over Wyong's. Wyong , Wyong's infrastructure of water supply system being put at risk by forcing councils work together to support the Gosford area.

Wyong has the greatest growth capability of the two areas. Also there were reports of Gosford and Lake Macquarie cutting up the Wyong area for they own benifit during this process.

I believe that following the performance of the investment choices of the Gosford Council before and at the GFC that our part of the Coast would be put at risk if they had any say in our area.

I fairness against Wyong I will say,

I do not agree with the regional airport investment, the support for the Chinese emporial centre developments in the WarnerVale area or the removing of the weed banks in the tuggerah lakes by Wyong Council. I do believe that the shoreline should be cleaned, not the food source of the fish removed.

I thank you for the opportunity to have a say.