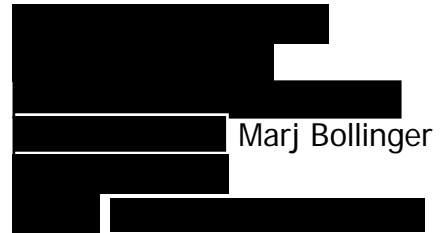


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Dear Sirs

FIT FOR THE FUTURE - SUBMISSION REGARDING CABONNE COUNCIL

Molong Advancement Group Inc. (MAG) is the community organisation in Molong acting as the 'umbrella' organisation for all smaller community groups within our town to liaise with Council and apply for project grants etc to advance and develop our community.

We are a strong, proud community who wish to state our objection and oppose the NSW Government proposed merger of Cabonne Council and Orange City Council on the grounds that such a merger is unnecessary, costly, risky and not supported by the community.

A public meeting convened by MAG on 21st May, 2015 in Molong to oppose amalgamation with Orange City Council drew 400 attendees and over 130 written apologies, this alone is evidence of our organisations commitment to the citizens of Molong and Cabonne and them to us by showing their support and respect for what we do.

Molong is the Head Quarters for Cabonne Council which is the largest employer in our town thus for our town to continue to prosper and grow into the future it is vital for our viable Council be retained.

There is no evidence to support a proposal for Cabonne to merge with any other council. This is well documented beginning with the Morrison Low Report that identified a risky projected benefit of only \$400,000 in ten years after a \$5M investment by the NSW State Government.

No sound business proposal that had a projected return of less than 1% over ten years would ever be considered by any Private Company.

WHY IS THE NSW STATE GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO ENTER INTO SUCH A BAD PROJECT?

Cabonne Council is capable of remaining a Standalone Council that has a long history of providing services to the community whilst returning profitable returns.

The establishment of the Wellington/Blayney/Cabonne Alliance many years ago is proof of Cabonne Council's forward planning capacity and sound business practices and **MUST BE RETAINED AS A STANDALONE ENTITY.**

Marjory Bollinger on behalf of Molong Advancement Group Inc

Working cooperatively for the future of Molong through representation, promotion and education