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I would like to comment on the above application which if granted will have the effect of entrenching an inefficient model of Local Government.

This Council was the result of the forced merger of two previously sustainable Councils . IPART is aware that by their own assessment Tumbarumba Council was (prior to amalgamation) the most efficient rural Council in the state and Tumut Council was "fit". The resultant merged council now shows all the predictable inefficiencies of a body with two centres 85 km apart. If this SRV is granted then this situation will only "just keep the Council's head above water" at enormous ratepayer cost in addition to further service reduction and asset sales. The Boundaries Commission has already recommended a demerger and I fear that if this SRV is granted Their report will be discarded.

Thank You. Brian Wilkinson