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Submission: Walcha Together is an organisation that represents the Business and Tourism interests in Walcha Shire. It is a Chamber of Commerce by nature. Walcha Together overwhelmingly endorses the submission made by Walcha Council, for the Shire to remain an entity in its own right. There has been no demonstrated reason by others of any advantage that amalgamation with Uralla (or any Council) will have. Perceived advantages such as joint purchases and sharing of equipment is already in place. Joint committees have been established to promote tourism, infrastructure and sharing of expertise.

The majority of the people of Walcha do not want to amalgamate. Past reports and studies, eg the Kibble report, also recommended that Walcha remains a Council in its own right.

The system is working effectively. There is no reason or justification to change.

The report prepared by Council is detailed and comprehensive. We hope that this report is read and analysed carefully. The conclusion? Walcha to remain independent.