



The Hon Paul Toole MP
Minister for Local Government

Ref:

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Dear Mr Hurst

I enclose the following proposals which all state they have been made to me under section 218E of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act):

1. proposal made by Gloucester Shire Council to amalgamate the existing areas of Gloucester, Great Lakes and Greater Taree into one new area;
2. proposal made by Harden Shire Council to amalgamate the existing areas of Harden, Cootamundra and Gundagai into one new area; and
3. proposal made by Armidale Dumaresq Council to amalgamate the existing areas of Armidale Dumaresq, Guyra, Uralla and Walcha into one new area.

As a consequence of the above proposals, I am making the following proposals, in accordance with section 218E of the Act:

4. proposal to amalgamate the existing areas of Dungog and Maitland into one new area; and
5. proposal to amalgamate the existing areas of Boorowa and Young into one new area.

By this letter, I am referring the above five proposals to you pursuant to section 218F(1) of the Act for examination and report in accordance with section 218F of the Act, and I look forward to receiving your report in due course.

If you would like to discuss this matter further,

Yours sincerely

Paul Toole MP
Minister

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