

24 May 2007

Mr Bob Longland
Chairman
Local Government Reform Commission
PO Box 16325
City East. Queensland. 4002

Dear Sir,

Re: Emerald Shire Council Submission

Enclosed is Emerald Shire Council's submission to the Local Government Reform Commission. The submission is supported by a Community Survey Report (which covers council services not amalgamation matters).

The key points in Council's submission are that it wishes to stand alone as a separate council and retain existing boundaries. This Council is firmly of the view that amalgamation is unnecessary and undesirable.

We strongly believe that the Central Highlands communities and the region in general will be best served by retaining separate councils and further developing resource sharing and service arrangements. Emerald Shire Council and its neighbouring councils are all clearly sustainable and well managed, they have a history of working collaboratively and effectively, and they are motivated to develop closer links. We therefore request that the Commission recommend this option to the Minister.

Please contact us if any additional information or material is required.

Yours faithfully,



Peter Haylock
Acting Mayor



Philip Brumley
Acting Chief Executive Officer