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Survey and Associated Documents

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Fit for the Future Survey

Completion of Survey

This survey can be completed online at www.temora.nsw.gov.au by clicking on the Fit for the Future banner.

If you want to complete a paper based survey, they can be returned to:

By Post: PO Box 262, Temora NSW 2666

By Fax: 02 69801138

By email: temshire@temora.nsw.gov.au

In Person: Deliver to:

- Temora Council Chambers, 105 Loftus Street, Temora #
- Temora Visitor Information Centre, Junee Rd, Temora
- Temora Library, NRCC House, 294-296 Hoskins Street, Temora #
- White Rose Cafe, Coolamon Street, Aria Park

These properties have an after-hours mail slot at the front entrance

Survey closes 31 May 2015



Welcome to the Temora Shire Council community survey

In response to the NSW Government's Fit for the Future (FFTF) program, Temora Shire Council seeks to better understand community views on:

- * The preferred future direction for Temora Shire Council
- * The changes to the structure of Temora Shire Council proposed by the NSW Government.
- * Performance of and satisfaction with Temora Shire Council

The objectives of this survey are to:

1. Understand what residents value about living in Temora Shire
2. Identifying perceived advantages, disadvantages and concerns relating to amalgamation
3. Determining the residents views on amalgamation compared to the status quo
4. Determining the residents views on regional co-operation

The survey is open to all residents of Temora Shire Council over the age of 18 years.

We sincerely thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is important.

* 1. Where do you live in Temora Shire?

- Temora
- Arianh Park
- Other village
- Rural

2. What do you value about living in Temora Shire?

Tick as many as applicable.

- Rural environment
- Sense of community/ friendly place
- A safe place to live
- Good place for families and children
- Sport, recreation and cultural opportunities
- Parks, playgrounds, bike trails and open spaces
- Other (please specify)

3. In the past year, have you contacted Council, an elected member or the Mayor for any reason other than payment of rates?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

4. Using a scale of 1-5, where 1 is very poor and 5 is excellent, how would you rate the performance of Council in terms of:

	Very Poor		Neutral		Excellent
The quality of services Council delivers to our residents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our financial strength	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The way we communicate with the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 5. As you may be aware, the NSW government is looking at ways that councils can better serve their communities and be sustainable in the long term. They have developed a program called "Fit for the Future".

Are you aware of these proposals by the State Government?

- Yes
- No

* 6. How interested are you personally in local Council reform issues?

- Very Interested
- Quite Interested
- Not Very Interested
- Not At All Interested

* 7. For residents of Temora Shire Council, there are 2 main options being discussed. One is a new larger Council by amalgamating one or two of our current neighbours. The other is to retain the status quo, that is keep Temora Shire Council in its present form.

If you had to choose between these options which would you choose?

- New larger Council
- Stay as we are

*8. If Temora Shire Council was to merge with another Council, how would you rank your preferences (1-5)?

- Bland Shire Council
- Coolamon Shire Council
- Cootamundra Shire Council
- Junee Shire Council
- Young Shire Council

*9. If there was to be an amalgamation leading to a larger Council, what do you believe the benefits potentially would be?

Tick any that apply.

- Reduced costs
- More efficient/productive/better use of resources and services
- Better facilities and/or services for the region we serve
- Regional approach to issues (health, crime etc)
- Reduced bureaucracy and reduced staff numbers
- Less politicians/ councillors
- Lower rates
- More influence to attract funding or attention from State and Federal governments
- Simplify or reduce the layers of government
- I can see no benefits
- Other (please specify)

* 10. What would be the major disadvantages?

- Benefits unknown/ Can't see any benefits
 - A bigger council will be less efficient/ too bureaucratic
 - Not needed/ happy with the way things are
 - Local issues will be overlooked/ loss of local identity
 - Resource shifting - our rates spent elsewhere
 - Bigger is not always better
 - Loss of representation/ loss of voice
 - Lack of presence in Temora
 - Doubts about cost savings/ waste of time and/or money
 - Possibly cost more than the current arrangements
 - I can see no disadvantages
 - Other (please specify)
-

Temora Shire Council is a member of the Riverina Regional Organisation of Council (REROC) with 11 other Councils including Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra, Greater Hume, Gundagai, Junee, Lockhart, Temora, Tumbarumba, Tumut, Urana and Wagga Wagga. The voluntary aspect of REROC membership encompasses every project that it undertakes.

Members only participate in a REROC project if they believe that it will generate positive outcomes for their council.

Members of REROC are united in their vision for the organisation that it provides a forum where member councils can initiate and implement projects that harness the economies of scale that can be generated by pooling resources, staff and expertise.

The Government reform package into local government has embraced the REROC concept and is proposing to legislate for Joint Organisations (JO). This will create a similar model to the REROC model albeit our membership will be compulsory.

* 11. Are you aware of the existence of REROC?

- Yes
- No

* 12. If you were to choose between an amalgamation/merger or being a part of the newly formed Joint Organisation, which would you prefer?

- New larger Council
- Member of a Joint Organisation

* 13. And finally, to what extent do you support or oppose council amalgamation generally?

- Strongly oppose
- Slightly oppose
- Neutral or unsure
- Slightly support
- Strongly support

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

To assist Council in collating the results of this survey, could you please answer a few questions about yourself for statistical purposes. If you are not comfortable answering these questions, we understand and they are not compulsory.

14. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male

15. What is your age?

- 18 to 24
- 25 to 39
- 40 to 59
- 60 to 74
- 75 or older




16. Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns?

Thank you for completing this survey. Your responses will assist Council in preparing its submission to the State Government.

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SURVEY

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- OR In Person at:
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Survey closes 31 May, 2015
For further information, please contact
Temora Shire Council on 6980 1100:
105 Loftus Street, Temora

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

Dear Citizens of the Temora Shire,
As you may be aware, local government in New South Wales has been undergoing a series of proposed measures to strengthen our sector. The NSW Government engaged an Independent Panel to review all aspects of NSW Local Government, and Council has applauded that initiative.

Temora Shire Council has warmly embraced the vast majority of the reform measures, and our views on the subject of amalgamations are well-documented. As part of our submission to the NSW Government, due by the end of June this year, Council is required to further engage with the Temora Shire community. There have been many ways in which Council has already done this, particularly our Public Meeting held last year, with 520 citizens in attendance. We have also conducted countless media releases and interviews. During the next month, councillors and staff will also be available to speak to various community groups and organisations on this subject.

Further to this, and most importantly, Council have resolved to conduct a survey. This survey will take only around three minutes of your time to complete, but is essential for us in compiling our final submission to the NSW Government. The survey will pose a series of simple questions to you about how you personally feel about your Council, our performance and how you view our future. I ask you, most sincerely, to please take the time to fill out this survey. Your Council would appreciate this more than you know!

Surveys may be filled out online at www.temora.nsw.gov.au. Further to this, if required, there are hard copies available at Temora Shire Council, Visitor Information Centre, White Rose Café at Ariah Park and Temora Library. Additional copies will be available at selected businesses in Temora. This is an occasion where your Council is asking for your help. By giving up a few minutes of your time will be invaluable to us.


If you need any further information, please contact myself, councillors or the general manager. We would be only too pleased to assist. Council thanks you in advance, and we do look forward to receiving a record number of survey responses, from our fellow Citizens of Temora Shire! I remain, yours sincerely,

Ct. Rick Firmann
MAYOR, TEMORA SHIRE

TITLE: Take the Survey Now

PUBLICATION: Temora Independent

DATE: 28.4.2015, 1.5.2015, 5.5.2015, 8.5.2015, 12.5.2015, 15.5.2015, 19.5.2015, 22.5.2015, 26.5.2015



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resident survey
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Advertorial

Community urged to have a say

THE JOURNEY towards stronger, more sustainable local government began in late 2011 when councils from throughout NSW came together for Destination 2036 in Jubblo to discuss their long-term future.

The gathering considered how communities, economies and technolo-

gies might change over the next 25 years and how the local government sector might change to meet these challenges.

During the two-day event, local government representatives from the Department of Local Government and other State agencies worked

together to produce a Vision for Local Government and an action plan to guide the process of change.

This led to the appointment of the Independent Local Government Review Panel, led by Professor Graham Sansom, to look at options for local government structures, governance models and boundary changes.

During the review period, panel members travelled throughout NSW consulting with councils and communities to develop and refine a range of options.

The panel also commissioned independent research to help guide its thinking.

The panel completed its work in October 2013 and its final report and recommendations were exhibited for public comment in early 2014.

The State Government delivered its response to the recommendations in September 2014.

State Government response

The Government delivered its response to the recommendations of

the Independent Panel and Acis Taskforce in September 2014, with the launch of the Fit for the Future package.

The package adopted most of the recommendations of the panel.

The survey is available on Council's website - click the Fit for the Future survey banner.

Otherwise, hard copies are available from

ages are available at www.fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au

Council's response
Temora Shire Council has resolved to complete "template 2" - essential, to retain the status quo.



temora Shire Council offices, Temora Library, Temora Visitor Information Centre, the White Rose Café and Ariah Park, and select retail outlets in Temora.

The survey will remain open until March 31.

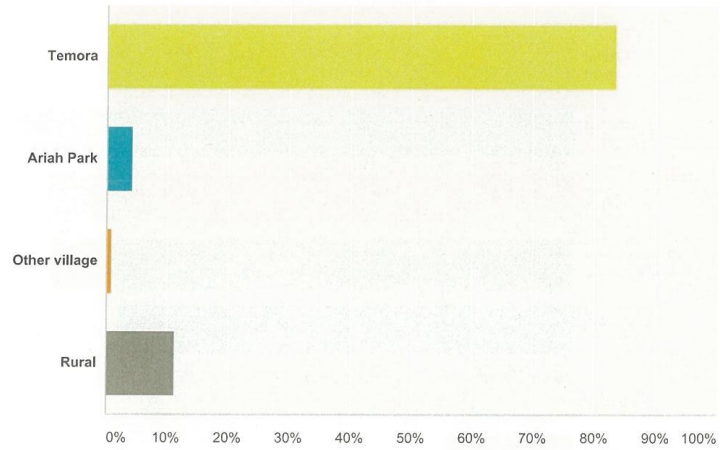
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SURVEY RESULTS

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Q1 Where do you live in Temora Shire?

Answered: 657 Skipped: 0

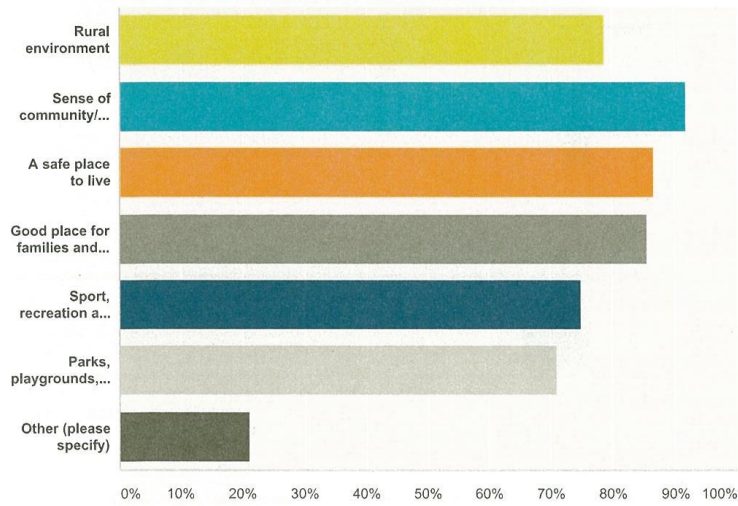


Answer Choices	Responses	
Temora	83.56%	549
Ariaiah Park	4.26%	28
Other village	0.91%	6
Rural	11.26%	74
Total		657

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Q2 What do you value about living in Temora Shire? Tick as many as applicable.

Answered: 657 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Rural environment	78.69% 517
Sense of community/ friendly place	91.78% 603
A safe place to live	86.61% 569
Good place for families and children	85.54% 562
Sport, recreation and cultural opportunities	75.04% 493
Parks, playgrounds, bike trails and open spaces	70.93% 466
Other (please specify)	21.00% 138
Total Respondents: 657	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	good council	6/1/2015 3:48 PM
2	town facilities	6/1/2015 12:48 PM
3	Great lifestyle with all of the above provided and well managed and maintained.	6/1/2015 12:41 PM
4	Temora is a fine place to live with a common feeling of belonging	6/1/2015 12:31 PM
5	Medical care, hospital, aged care facilities, beautiful parks and gardens, relaxed country lifestyle, dependable emergency services	6/1/2015 12:26 PM

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6	A council prepared to lited to suggetions from there rate payers and residents re Temora's future	6/1/2015 9:39 AM
7	Freedom of speech, politics, religion	6/1/2015 9:35 AM
8	Good Roads progressive Council	5/31/2015 4:01 PM
9	Proactive council	5/31/2015 10:37 AM
10	Airport	5/30/2015 6:06 PM
11	Excellent Schools	5/30/2015 4:36 PM
12	A strong combined Christian community involvement	5/29/2015 9:14 PM
13	Good medical facilites	5/29/2015 3:44 PM
14	Approachable council staff that are keen to help	5/29/2015 3:43 PM
15	Christian churches and groups	5/29/2015 12:49 PM
16	Educational institutions, medical and dental facilites	5/28/2015 1:06 PM
17	Medical facilities, eductain facilities such as the new tAFE, General maintenance of our parks, sporting fields, main street and roads	5/28/2015 1:04 PM
18	progressive council	5/28/2015 12:58 PM
19	Very progressive council	5/28/2015 12:57 PM
20	Museums	5/28/2015 12:50 PM
21	Best place in the country	5/28/2015 12:41 PM
22	Smal but progressive shire community	5/28/2015 12:30 PM
23	Docotrs, schools, hospital, churches, transport	5/28/2015 12:05 PM
24	Very good choice of churches and schools and doctors. Very good hospital	5/28/2015 12:03 PM
25	No traffic lights, attractive main shopping street, you can enjoy the peace & quiet or be as involved in the community as you want	5/28/2015 11:24 AM
26	Excellent management that is approachable and responsive.	5/27/2015 6:52 PM
27	good people	5/27/2015 12:37 PM
28	Doctors and health services	5/26/2015 9:20 PM
29	health and education is well catered for	5/26/2015 5:17 PM
30	Good medical facilities	5/26/2015 2:40 PM
31	Variety of retail shops, medical well covered. Retirement homes, ideal place for elderly ramps, safe, lake variety food places, museums, info centre, caravan parks,motels, generally very well equipped	5/26/2015 10:33 AM
32	A very friendly and hpspitale town to live in	5/25/2015 5:18 PM
33	I think the medical, doctors, hospital, shopping 2 grocery shops with good prking, target and newsagent. in a town such as Temora is very good. Our roads to neighbouring towns are much improved over the past 10 years. The council as it is doing a great job.	5/25/2015 5:17 PM
34	Our requests and enquiries to our shire council are always replied to and attended to promptly and courteously	5/25/2015 3:35 PM
35	A very well maintained town a very good council	5/25/2015 1:04 PM
36	Gret council/councillors	5/25/2015 9:25 AM
37	We are very well represented by a strong local council	5/25/2015 9:22 AM
38	Temora airpark & museum / Temora rural museum / Temora social clubs	5/23/2015 9:40 AM
39	peace and harmony	5/22/2015 6:02 PM
40	Pro active shire council variety of eating places heated pool, cinema	5/22/2015 4:28 PM

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41	Respect shown in shops and business	5/22/2015 1:48 PM
42	Medical and hospital tops excellent education facilities	5/22/2015 10:44 AM
43	A very caring place to live	5/21/2015 5:35 PM
44	Close proximatey for medical services	5/21/2015 1:50 PM
45	Health care adequate, good schools and TAFE	5/21/2015 1:46 PM
46	Well kept, well run.	5/21/2015 1:27 PM
47	We can breth fresh air	5/21/2015 11:00 AM
48	Good people	5/21/2015 10:40 AM
49	Temora is a very special town to live in bacause it values and respects its elderly citizens	5/21/2015 10:35 AM
50	Great roads. People take pride in our town best place to live	5/21/2015 10:32 AM
51	Shed 4 Men, good facilities and support for elderly citizens	5/21/2015 10:29 AM
52	people care about each other	5/20/2015 5:01 PM
53	Friendly people safe town	5/19/2015 5:14 PM
54	Doctors and support medical services	5/19/2015 1:49 PM
55	Council with can-do and will do attitude	5/19/2015 10:15 AM
56	Excellent council	5/19/2015 10:08 AM
57	Having a good council	5/19/2015 10:03 AM
58	Great council, medical services, very friendly town	5/19/2015 9:58 AM
59	Great place to live	5/19/2015 9:26 AM
60	strong business community	5/18/2015 7:56 PM
61	Good medical facilities	5/18/2015 1:14 PM
62	If the drugs cleaned up	5/18/2015 1:08 PM
63	Cultural clubs Quota Lions Rotary	5/18/2015 1:07 PM
64	Lifestyle Aviation Estate	5/18/2015 9:23 AM
65	The airpark	5/18/2015 9:20 AM
66	A great town & council. Wonderful facilities & great community spirit.	5/17/2015 3:08 PM
67	Everything about our shire	5/15/2015 5:06 PM
68	there is nothing to not love about Temora	5/15/2015 12:23 PM
69	Support network	5/14/2015 10:54 AM
70	HACC service	5/14/2015 9:41 AM
71	extremely strong community supporting spirit	5/13/2015 3:03 PM
72	The unity of the Churches in Temora	5/13/2015 11:35 AM
73	work	5/12/2015 3:36 PM
74	Great shopping centre in Temora. Museums, great friends	5/12/2015 3:33 PM
75	Close proximity to a large centre (Wagga) and good transport links	5/12/2015 12:50 PM
76	Relatively safe farming area	5/12/2015 12:45 PM
77	Great town to retire together with family & friends	5/12/2015 10:37 AM
78	Care compassion, kindness shown to our people with special needs group	5/12/2015 10:35 AM

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79	Aviation friendly	5/12/2015 10:26 AM
80	Health	5/12/2015 10:23 AM
81	Caring and self supporting community. To live in Temora you feel care for in many way	5/12/2015 10:19 AM
82	Good medical centre	5/12/2015 10:14 AM
83	Good medical centre	5/12/2015 10:13 AM
84	Peace and quiet & seclusion	5/12/2015 9:49 AM
85	Quiet environment	5/12/2015 9:41 AM
86	A council working with and for its people	5/12/2015 9:39 AM
87	Council involvement in such facilities as cinema, temoras own, aerodrome	5/12/2015 9:35 AM
88	Library service	5/12/2015 9:33 AM
89	Great sporting facilities	5/12/2015 9:31 AM
90	Plenty of activities for seniors	5/12/2015 9:26 AM
91	Education	5/12/2015 9:25 AM
92	Great Council working for the good of the shire	5/12/2015 9:12 AM
93	Its a wonderful place to raise a family	5/11/2015 10:36 AM
94	very few non whites, few gays, plenty of pubs and clubs, great sport	5/7/2015 10:53 PM
95	Movie theatre, heated pool local radio station	5/6/2015 8:58 PM
96	Good health facilities and schools aged care homes and disabled help	5/6/2015 8:54 PM
97	Could use a national park picnic environment with bush walks	5/6/2015 8:52 PM
98	Medical services aged care	5/6/2015 8:49 PM
99	Safe to ride a bike, good for older residents, temora wes park upgrade is excellent, very well run Temora outdoor and indoor swimming pools	5/6/2015 8:46 PM
100	health access	5/6/2015 8:39 PM
101	Temora theatre, heated pool	5/6/2015 8:36 PM
102	A council committed to advancing the interests of the community	5/6/2015 8:31 PM
103	We have a well established lake, a world renowned aircraft museum and excellent rural museum	5/6/2015 8:24 PM
104	Good schools and retirement places	5/6/2015 8:19 PM
105	good schools	5/6/2015 8:16 PM
106	Health care well covered and education	5/6/2015 8:14 PM
107	An excellent Council	5/6/2015 6:19 PM
108	Wonderful Town Hall Theatre	5/2/2015 5:50 PM
109	A bloody awesome, in touch Shire Council	5/1/2015 1:53 PM
110	Council seem to be very good to get along with with regards to new development of property.	5/1/2015 10:21 AM
111	Great shire council it's not broken don't try to fix it	4/30/2015 2:52 PM
112	No Culture	4/30/2015 1:08 PM
113	Available services - health, good schools, neat tidy well presented town	4/29/2015 4:31 PM
114	Need jobs for young people	4/29/2015 4:24 PM
115	Love our sense of belonging	4/29/2015 4:18 PM

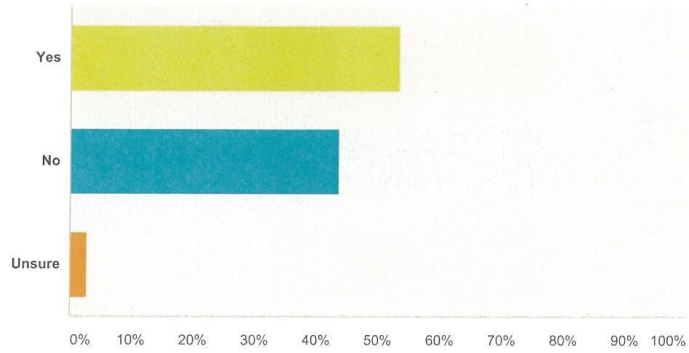
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116	Our rates are used in our own shire	4/29/2015 4:16 PM
117	The town has a real sense of pride	4/29/2015 4:11 PM
118	Well run Council	4/29/2015 4:08 PM
119	Our great lake, our wonderful people and our council	4/29/2015 4:06 PM
120	Health services	4/28/2015 9:04 AM
121	Forward thinking, supportive council	4/28/2015 8:49 AM
122	A council that cares for its residents	4/27/2015 12:26 PM
123	Peace and hamony	4/26/2015 12:39 PM
124	The evolving art community	4/25/2015 10:27 PM
125	Easy town to shop in	4/25/2015 7:31 PM
126	Just a great place to live	4/24/2015 2:02 PM
127	A great high school	4/24/2015 12:58 PM
128	sense of sharing the load with other community members	4/24/2015 10:28 AM
129	We move forward as one.	4/24/2015 6:27 AM
130	Costs less	4/23/2015 11:04 PM
131	Great public schools with many opportunities for children	4/23/2015 6:03 PM
132	Close to Wagga's services, but not actually stuck in Wagga!	4/23/2015 5:24 PM
133	The people	4/23/2015 2:15 PM
134	Close to Wagga and Canberra and equi-distance between Sydney and Melbourne	4/22/2015 9:57 AM
135	The can do attitude that it has, the council.	4/22/2015 9:26 AM
136	It's home	4/19/2015 9:41 PM
137	Good shopping	4/18/2015 10:11 PM
138	Reasonable distance to Wagga for medical csu etc	4/17/2015 7:00 PM

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Q3 In the past year, have you contacted Council, an elected member or the Mayor for any reason other than payment of rates?

Answered: 652 Skipped: 5

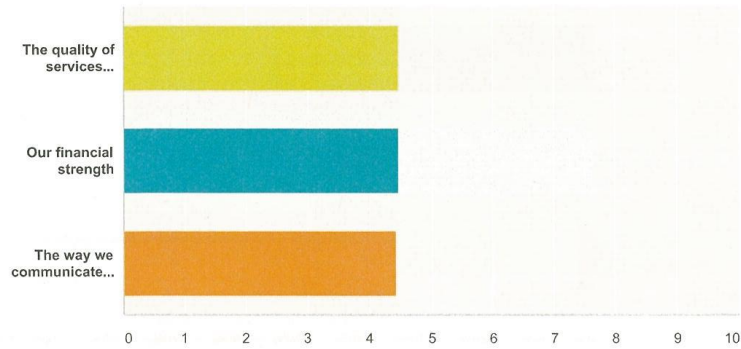


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	53.53%	349
No	43.71%	285
Unsure	2.76%	18
Total		652

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Q4 Using a scale of 1-5, where 1 is very poor and 5 is excellent, how would you rate the performance of Council in terms of:

Answered: 656 Skipped: 1

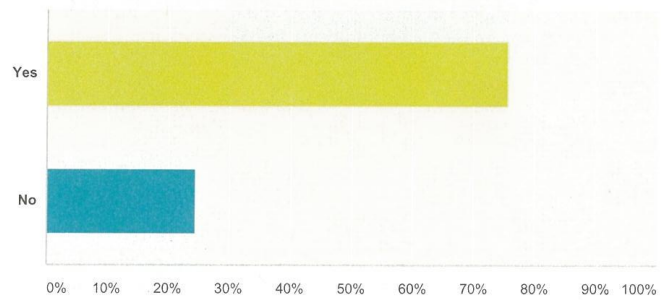


	Very Poor	(no label)	Neutral	(no label)	Excellent	Total	Weighted Average
The quality of services Council delivers to our residents	0.46% 3	2.14% 14	8.10% 53	29.05% 190	60.24% 394	654	4.46
Our financial strength	0.15% 1	1.23% 8	10.58% 69	27.61% 180	60.43% 394	652	4.47
The way we communicate with the community	0.93% 6	1.54% 10	9.57% 62	29.48% 191	58.49% 379	648	4.43

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Q5 As you may be aware, the NSW government is looking at ways that councils can better serve their communities and be sustainable in the long term. They have developed a program called "Fit for the Future". Are you aware of these proposals by the State Government?

Answered: 657 Skipped: 0

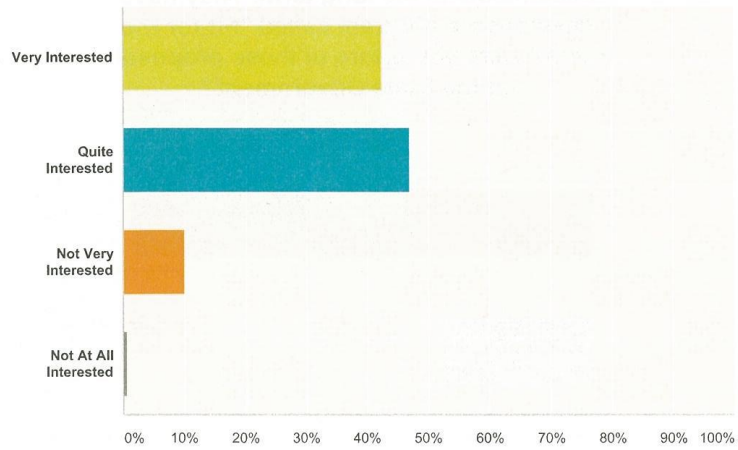


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	75.49% 496
No	24.51% 161
Total	657

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Q6 How interested are you personally in local Council reform issues?

Answered: 657 Skipped: 0

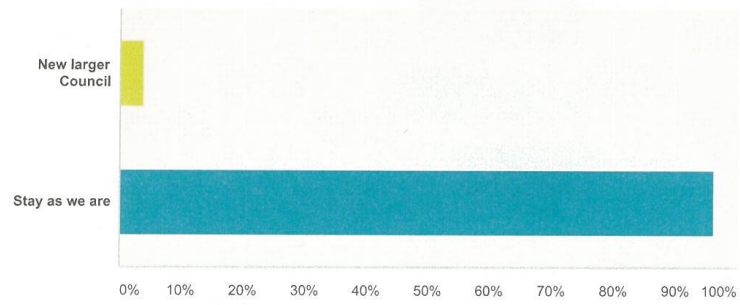


Answer Choices	Responses	
Very Interested	42.47%	279
Quite Interested	46.88%	308
Not Very Interested	10.05%	66
Not At All Interested	0.61%	4
Total		657

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Q7 For residents of Temora Shire Council, there are 2 main options being discussed. One is a new larger Council by amalgamating one or two of our current neighbours. The other is to retain the status quo, that is keep Temora Shire Council in its present form. If you had to choose between these options which would you choose?

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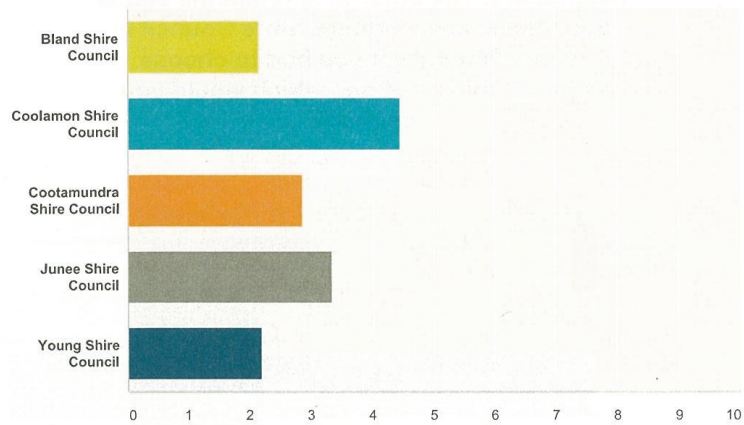


Answer Choices	Responses	
New larger Council	3.81%	25
Stay as we are	96.19%	632
Total		657

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Q8 If Temora Shire Council was to merge with another Council, how would you rank your preferences (1-5)?

Answered: 657 Skipped: 0

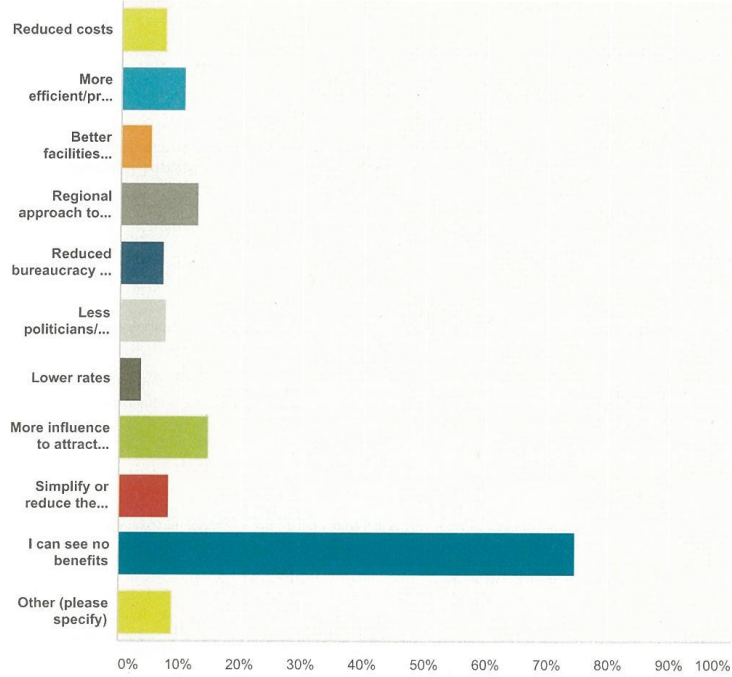


	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Score
Bland Shire Council	9.89% 65	12.48% 82	10.81% 71	16.89% 111	49.92% 328	657	2.16
Coolamon Shire Council	69.86% 459	15.07% 99	6.85% 45	5.33% 35	2.89% 19	657	4.44
Cootamundra Shire Council	8.68% 57	18.57% 122	34.25% 225	28.46% 187	10.05% 66	657	2.87
Junee Shire Council	7.46% 49	46.58% 306	23.29% 153	17.81% 117	4.87% 32	657	3.34
Young Shire Council	4.11% 27	7.31% 48	24.81% 163	31.51% 207	32.27% 212	657	2.19

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Q9 If there was to be an amalgamation leading to a larger Council, what do you believe the benefits potentially would be? Tick any that apply.

Answered: 657 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Reduced costs	7.31% 48
More efficient/productive/better use of resources and services	10.35% 68
Better facilities and/or services for the region we serve	5.02% 33
Regional approach to issues (health, crime etc)	12.63% 83
Reduced bureaucracy and reduced staff numbers	7.00% 46
Less politicians/ councillors	7.46% 49
Lower rates	3.50% 23
More influence to attract funding or attention from State and Federal governments	14.61% 96

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Simplify or reduce the layers of government	8.07%	53
I can see no benefits	74.58%	490
Other (please specify)	8.68%	57
Total Respondents: 657		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	none	6/1/2015 12:49 PM
2	amonisty betwee towns as they compete for project funding	6/1/2015 12:48 PM
3	Temora is self sufficient attracts many visitors to the town with tourist attractions like speedboat, rural museu, air museum	6/1/2015 12:41 PM
4	When Narraburra Shire and Temora Council amalgamated we were told we would be better off and I cant see any real benefits and a reduction in services. If the Council were to amalgamate I think we would be much worse off	6/1/2015 12:31 PM
5	Loss of jobs, loss of expertise and local knowledge of the shires needs	6/1/2015 9:39 AM
6	no benefit should stay as we are	5/29/2015 1:35 PM
7	No Rick Firman	5/28/2015 5:28 PM
8	I would like Temora Council lto stay as they are. Temora is a great place to live and the council puts everything back into our community	5/28/2015 4:06 PM
9	Local people would loose jobs, less representation of loca issues as less coucillors, we already have a fairly successful funding from state & federal government. We have won the bluett award several times our council knows what they are doing	5/28/2015 1:04 PM
10	We have a good council why change	5/28/2015 12:50 PM
11	We would loose workers and that means families leaving Temora - Not good	5/28/2015 12:32 PM
12	So much is dependent on the scale of amalgamation and which shires are involved. Without detailed information on proposals the vote will always go to the current model.	5/27/2015 6:52 PM
13	I think our council is doing a great job the way it is	5/25/2015 5:17 PM
14	We can talk personally and discuss problems. Not same far away person. Local Government - not Regional Government, who don't care. NSW State Government has made not good decsions Murray Valley Basin, Local Gas	5/25/2015 5:14 PM
15	In our Temora shire we are people, not just numbers, and we'd be happy to remain so. The result of the public meeting held here showed unanimously that we disapprove of amalgamation. Didnt you receive that message. Couldnt you understand it. That just serves to illustrate that our antipathy to the changes you are suggestling, are extremely we founded	5/25/2015 3:35 PM
16	There would be no benefit to Temora; only to the other Councils to be able to use our expertise and resources and knowledge., that Temora Shire has plenty of. Please leave Temora Shire Council as it is. This was proved beyond doubt at the community meeting some months ago when the town hall was filled to capacity. We have a very good council who runs the shire very efficiently, so theefore we can and will do very well on our own so leave us as we are. If other Councils can't handle their financial affairs properly, that is just bad luck for them so buggar them. They could get advice from Temora but that is all	5/25/2015 3:31 PM
17	I can benefits if the state and federal governments amalgamate.	5/24/2015 9:13 AM
18	It would surely be to our detriment. There would be less jobs over a bigger area, fewer libraries and less staff.	5/21/2015 1:53 PM
19	leave things alone. Less attention. If it is not broke dont change it. Councillors to control decisions	5/21/2015 1:50 PM
20	Experienced Amalgamation in Adelaide - all negative.	5/21/2015 1:27 PM
21	Take Barmedman from Bland	5/21/2015 10:58 AM
22	We can see no benefits as we believe the other Councils are not as financial as Temora	5/21/2015 10:57 AM

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23	Dont want amalgamation	5/21/2015 10:46 AM
24	none	5/20/2015 5:01 PM
25	Country people might get more services like town people	5/20/2015 9:53 AM
26	The benefits mentioned above may assist smaller or less efficient councils, but remain unproven with regard to Temora Shire	5/19/2015 10:15 AM
27	I dont think it would be a plus for Temora. We are doing quite well as we are. Congrats to our Council	5/19/2015 10:08 AM
28	Temora Shire is very efficient on its own, our moneys stay local	5/19/2015 10:00 AM
29	Our current service outweighs any of the above	5/19/2015 9:31 AM
30	Big is not better	5/15/2015 5:08 PM
31	I feel that bigger is not necessarily better	5/15/2015 12:23 PM
32	Dangerous footpaths would get fixed	5/13/2015 12:56 PM
33	Jest keep us as we are	5/12/2015 3:40 PM
34	None of those who have amalgamated, get high rate and no help	5/12/2015 10:55 AM
35	On the contrary, Temora Would suffer	5/12/2015 10:39 AM
36	There has been little or no advantages in Vic or Qld only an incresed number of bureacrats	5/12/2015 10:33 AM
37	Temora Council seems to operating more efficiently than others an its managment and counillors are very approachable	5/12/2015 9:38 AM
38	Better road surfaces on major roads eg. the Temora Wyalong road is a disgrace with the bandaaid patching and unevenness of the surface. The Junee Shire seems to do a much better job in this regard	5/12/2015 9:35 AM
39	Worse place to live	5/12/2015 9:25 AM
40	loss of temora identity	5/7/2015 10:53 PM
41	The only advantage I can see is for the town that gains the Council chambers. I believe that the towns that miss out on having council chambers would need something like a rate payers association	5/6/2015 8:48 PM
42	lose of jobs	5/6/2015 8:33 PM
43	One would hope but not necessary believe reduced costs	5/6/2015 8:29 PM
44	Temora Shie is a managable size in area and Temora Shire is and has always been financially viable and responsible	5/6/2015 8:24 PM
45	Bigger is not better less efficient	4/30/2015 2:52 PM
46	Depends where the base is	4/30/2015 1:08 PM
47	What so ever	4/29/2015 4:31 PM
48	We would be worse off all over shire	4/29/2015 4:16 PM
49	Less expenditure in our shire	4/29/2015 9:45 AM
50	Most likely costs as perhaps less office staff required but this would be a disadvantage as we could go from a little fish into a big sea.r	4/28/2015 9:04 AM
51	No major benefits	4/25/2015 10:27 PM
52	Should amalgamate state and federal governments!	4/24/2015 2:02 PM
53	Better transparency, more accountability, less favouritism, bringing other people into the mix means fresh ideas, different approaches, less likely decisions will be made that benefit the 'clique' This is the way forward, the Shire is 'antiquated' the past and status quo isn't the future. Mike Baird was correct when he said "Put pride in the back seat for the sake of their communities and consider mergers." Also if you thought anything of your community, you'd stop thinking about how a merger could affect your own positions within the Council and start pushing the positives instead of the negatives. Your negative list really sums up how stuck in a rut your thinking is and this is what you project out into the community.	4/21/2015 9:29 AM

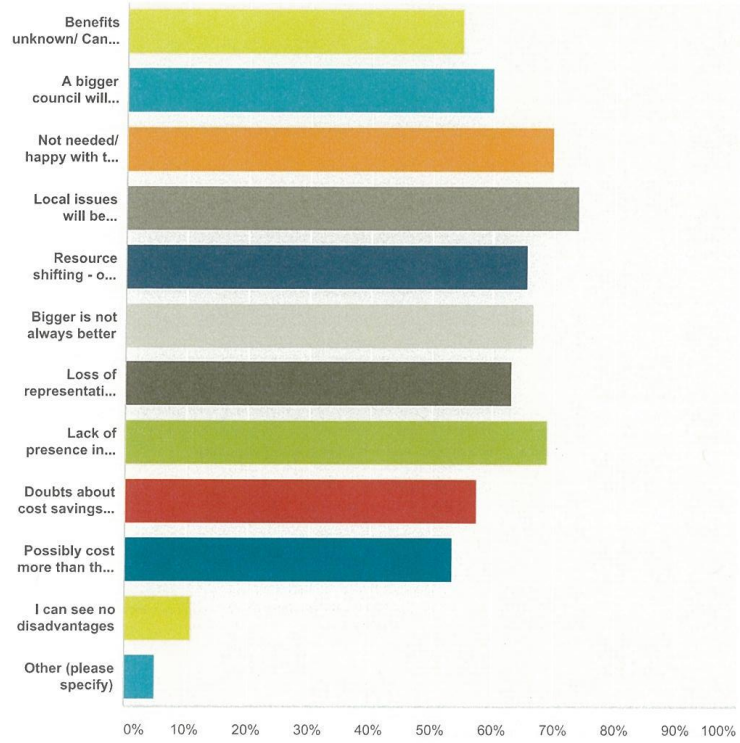
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54	do not see amalgamation would be any benefit to temora at all. leave well alone. just look at the health system. what a joke since wagga has taken control of our hospital.	4/19/2015 8:05 PM
55	the cons far outweigh the pros	4/19/2015 12:53 PM
56	An amalgamation would be a progressive & would create an organisation that would, ultimately, be more sustainable than the existing arrangements. The sense that all residents are "entitled" to direct & immediate responses from Council would be reduced and personal responsibility would be increased for the residents of the new Council - a positive thing. Reducing government is almost never bad.	4/18/2015 12:44 PM
57	More standardized service delivery across the greater LGA.	4/17/2015 9:42 PM

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Q10 What would be the major disadvantages?

Answered: 657 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Benefits unknown/ Can't see any benefits	54.95%	361
A bigger council will be less efficient/ too bureaucratic	59.97%	394
Not needed/ happy with the way things are	69.71%	458
Local issues will be overlooked/ loss of local identity	73.97%	486
Resource shifting - our rates spent elsewhere	65.60%	431
Bigger is not always better	66.51%	437
Loss of representation/ loss of voice	63.01%	414
Lack of presence in Temora	68.95%	453

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Doubts about cost savings/ waste of time and/or money	57.38%	377
Possibly cost more than the current arrangements	53.42%	351
I can see no disadvantages	10.96%	72
Other (please specify)	5.02%	33
Total Respondents: 657		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	We would have more chiefs to do little and less indians to do too much because of red tape and government interference	6/1/2015 12:31 PM
2	Less funding for Temora Council	6/1/2015 9:39 AM
3	When on a good thing stick to it	6/1/2015 9:35 AM
4	If it ain't broke why fix it!	5/31/2015 8:26 PM
5	Loss of local employment, families leaving town for employment opportunities effecting - school enrolments, sporting club, etc,	5/29/2015 9:14 PM
6	To big area extra costs for travel	5/29/2015 3:08 PM
7	Paying debts for other councilx	5/28/2015 12:37 PM
8	As above. Without detail, no effective comment or case can be made for the negative. It is certain though that if amalgamation is forced on us by imposing arbitrarily chosen "cut off" numbers for population and or financial reserves, then we are simply a part of a political process and must cut the best deal possible.	5/27/2015 6:52 PM
9	Loss of jobs leading to loss of local knowledge by current staff.	5/26/2015 10:57 PM
10	Workers would spend a lot more time travelling if we joined another shire which adds to cost and as it is now, why change something that is working well	5/25/2015 5:17 PM
11	Money corruption, Amalgamation, City Councils small council wold not dare	5/25/2015 5:14 PM
12	Funds a careful council has managed to accumulate by careful planning for future being used on works in other areas by inefficient council	5/25/2015 9:22 AM
13	Tell em to take a hike	5/21/2015 1:53 PM
14	W are doing very well the way we are and the council is doing a marvellous job. Leave us alone	5/19/2015 9:58 AM
15	Some changes have advantages but cant see any here	5/19/2015 9:31 AM
16	I feel we have a very well run shire, and our positive council has enhanced and broadened the area, thru such things as supporting the Aviation museum-which has lead to positive growth in related fields eg small air businesses; Ag research facility; Temora has seemed to think outside the square, & not gone down the pathway of prisons, or abbatoirs etc that change the community, not always positively.	5/17/2015 3:08 PM
17	Some Council staff might not get replaced	5/13/2015 12:56 PM
18	Loss of identity would be a community disatser	5/12/2015 3:10 PM
19	Temoa would lose it autonomy and risk losing its personality essence and spirit	5/12/2015 10:23 AM
20	out of town wankers having a say in out town.	5/7/2015 10:53 PM
21	I witnessed the amalgamation of hopsitoals, costs increased, services reduced	5/6/2015 8:58 PM
22	Lack of presence in Temora unless we are the centre	5/6/2015 8:42 PM
23	bigger is not necessarily better	5/6/2015 8:16 PM
24	Mainly that it wont be here in Temora & easily accessible	4/30/2015 12:41 PM
25	I can't see any benefits at all	4/29/2015 4:31 PM

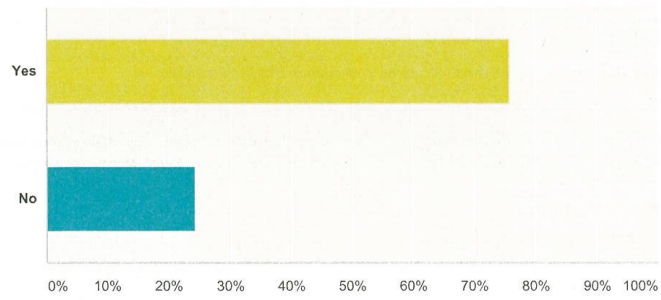
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26	I can see plenty of disadvantages	4/29/2015 4:25 PM
27	Just leave us the way we are. City people can't tell us how to live	4/29/2015 4:18 PM
28	if its not broken don't fix it	4/29/2015 4:11 PM
29	We have had an excellent council for some years and this would cease. Our mayor goes above the call of duty to assist the town folk.	4/28/2015 9:04 AM
30	If its not broken.....	4/27/2015 12:26 PM
31	Temora is doing well already- joining with another council would benefit them, but not us!	4/23/2015 5:24 PM
32	Will also pit each town against each other which is extremely poisonous. I have seen this happen in Victoria.	4/22/2015 9:26 AM
33	Loss of "local identity" is ridiculous & misleading as a comment. This has not been the case in other areas where amalgamations have taken place. The biggest loss would be to the ego's of our elected members of Council.	4/18/2015 12:44 PM

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Q11 Are you aware of the existence of REROC?

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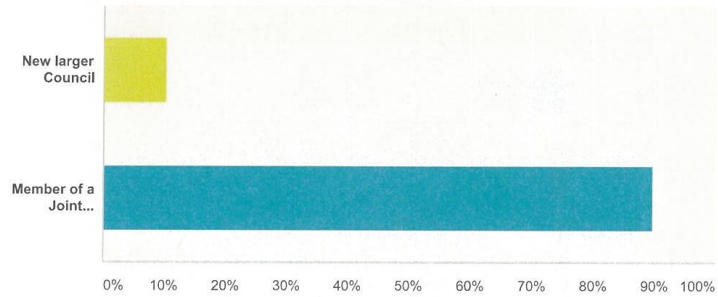


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	75.80%	498
No	24.20%	159
Total		657

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Q12 If you were to choose between an amalgamation/merger or being a part of the newly formed Joint Organisation, which would you prefer?

Answered: 657 Skipped: 0

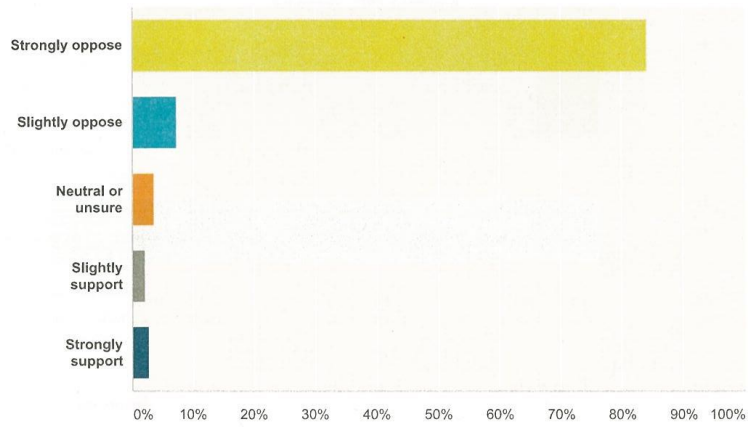


Answer Choices	Responses
New larger Council	10.20% 67
Member of a Joint Organisation	89.80% 590
Total	657

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Q13 And finally, to what extent do you support or oppose council amalgamation generally?

Answered: 657 Skipped: 0

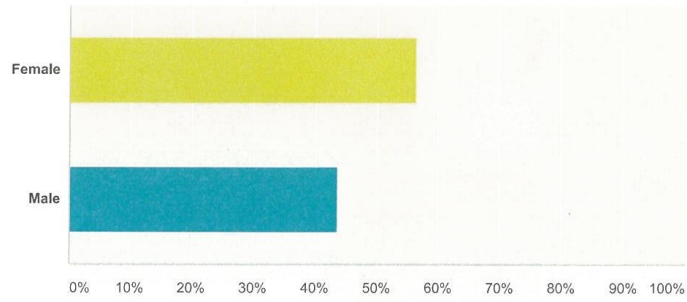


Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly oppose	84.17%	553
Slightly oppose	7.31%	48
Neutral or unsure	3.65%	24
Slightly support	2.13%	14
Strongly support	2.74%	18
Total		657

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Q14 What is your gender?

Answered: 652 Skipped: 5

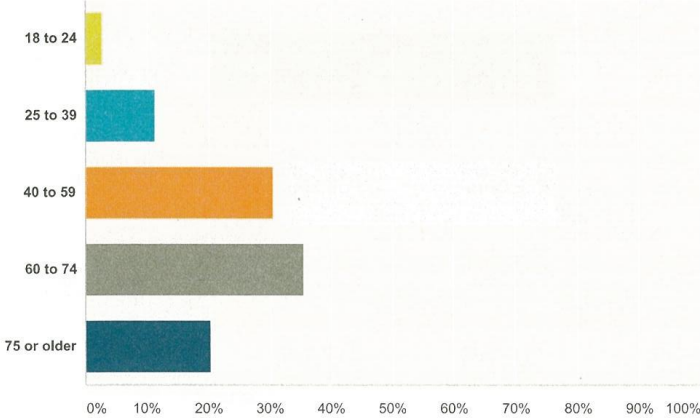


Answer Choices	Responses	
Female	56.44%	368
Male	43.56%	284
Total		652

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Q15 What is your age?

Answered: 655 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses	
18 to 24	2.75%	18
25 to 39	11.30%	74
40 to 59	30.38%	199
60 to 74	35.42%	232
75 or older	20.15%	132
Total		655

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Q16 Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns?

Answered: 189 Skipped: 468

#	Responses	Date
1	If any layer of Government needs to go it should be the State Governments.	6/3/2015 3:06 PM
2	possible ill feeling between towns on distribution of funds for projects	6/1/2015 12:48 PM
3	Temora is a friendly community a proud community its citizens willing to funraise for needed projects and happy to volunteer to smooth the way and make the town the safe and healthy town it is. Lets leave it this way	6/1/2015 12:41 PM
4	I am quite satisfied with things the way they are and if something is not broke why fix it	6/1/2015 12:31 PM
5	thank you for making our town a great place to live, and for making us proud to be members of the community. Well done everyone. Keep fighting for us.	6/1/2015 12:26 PM
6	I think we have a very good council and town. I would hate to loose our control of our council and finances.	6/1/2015 10:46 AM
7	Why does the NSW Government want to change Temora Shire Council when clearly they are managing their area and finances well. Leave our Council alone we are a success and all work well together to keep it that way	6/1/2015 9:39 AM
8	The Temora Shire Council is a progressive Council - full aware of towns and districts needs and manages our financials in an efficient and capable manner.	6/1/2015 9:35 AM
9	Keep our Council it is the best in the State	5/31/2015 4:01 PM
10	Why fix something (in our shires case) when it's not broken.	5/31/2015 10:37 AM
11	The Shire council has worked extremely hard to get us into the strong position we are in today, it would be a travesty if all the hard work was undone because of being forced into amalgamation with another council.	5/31/2015 9:54 AM
12	If it ain't broken, don't change it	5/30/2015 3:15 PM
13	TSC Keep up the good work	5/29/2015 9:14 PM
14	you don't fix something if its not broken. We have a wonderful shire, wonderful council and community.	5/29/2015 6:15 PM
15	Far to big area to much time loss in extra travel	5/29/2015 3:08 PM
16	A council which tries to resolve community concerns. Congratulations to Mr Gary Lavelle on a well run Council.	5/29/2015 3:03 PM
17	If it aint broken, why fix it. Council amalgamations in other states of Australia have proved to be unsuccessful so why are we even considering it in NSW	5/29/2015 12:53 PM
18	I believe we live in a wonderful shire and Temora Shire Council is doing a fantastic job	5/29/2015 12:51 PM
19	Think our council generally does a great job. Not always easy. Keep up the good work	5/29/2015 12:49 PM
20	I have faith in the wisdom of our Councillors and value the attitude of the residents of our town.	5/28/2015 10:20 PM
21	You have been a great council everybody knows that	5/28/2015 1:14 PM
22	Please no amalgamation	5/28/2015 1:04 PM
23	Council keep up the good work	5/28/2015 12:58 PM
24	We have a great council	5/28/2015 12:57 PM
25	It its not broken don't fix it	5/28/2015 12:55 PM
26	Temora is doing fine	5/28/2015 12:54 PM
27	Just keep on being a good and efficient Council	5/28/2015 12:46 PM
28	Please do not change anything	5/28/2015 12:39 PM
29	It aint broke don't fix it	5/28/2015 12:37 PM

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30	No change	5/28/2015 12:36 PM
31	Can assist will also be amalgamated and what our volunteers work for will not stop in our shire - people will not be so generous	5/28/2015 12:32 PM
32	Council does a great job, we don't need to change	5/28/2015 12:22 PM
33	Amalgamation is going to happen just pit it off. For as long as possible. Temora seems reasonably ok at this time	5/28/2015 11:58 AM
34	The ranking of preferences in Question 8 is not correct. I was unable to change or delete any of the numbers, in fact I put a 5 in against Young and the other locations were automatically filled in. Not good at all! Amalgamation is a very complex issue and without knowing how financially well off or not other Councils are, it's not a simple decision. Simply, why would a financially viable Council want to amalgamate with a Council that has very little resources/money! The resources in this instance would surely not be evenly distributed and a lot of "catching up" would be required in the poorer Council area I would presume, before both locations were on an even keel. Is it better to select a suitable efficient Council to amalgamate with rather than be directed by State Government in the way of the JO or am I missing the point? There are pros and cons and "change" is very difficult. Good luck with a positive outcome for Temora Shire Council. I believe all Councilors will do their best to ensure that Temora Shire will not be disadvantaged in any way.	5/28/2015 11:24 AM
35	Temora Shire Council is an example of excellence in local government. First class professional management coupled with committed local representation. I do not agree with forced amalgamation, I believe the physical distance and requirement for local shopfront access defeats claimed economies of scale. BUT Temora Shire needs to form a properly considered well documented, workable plan B. We can not afford to be left with no position at all if or when the "no change" option is removed by the state government.	5/27/2015 6:52 PM
36	Don't change what is working.	5/27/2015 3:29 PM
37	Very happy with our local council	5/27/2015 8:55 AM
38	Good luck for Temora Shire Council not joining our neighbouring councils.	5/26/2015 9:20 PM
39	Temora shire is a very progressive council who listens to the needs of its community. It was able to prove that in providing services for the residents without going into debts. It is a well run council and should be a model for the local governance of NSW	5/26/2015 5:17 PM
40	Go Temora Shire!	5/26/2015 5:07 PM
41	Cant abide aeroplanes flying over the town. Smoke from wood fires. Too many dogs.	5/26/2015 2:40 PM
42	Temora Council to date have usually performed well, if it aint broke, don't fix it.	5/26/2015 12:32 PM
43	Temora Shire Council is a very efficient council and there is no reason to even consider amalgamation	5/26/2015 10:35 AM
44	Loss of jobs. Grants will be less as only 1 Council instead of 2 or 3. Money from our area rates not spent in our area	5/26/2015 9:07 AM
45	We have a very good council here and I cant see any benefits whatsoever with an amalgamation	5/25/2015 5:18 PM
46	What is Temora's Councils finance compared to other Councils? Why kill a good council	5/25/2015 5:14 PM
47	Yeah heat the heated pool. We pay to use it so why is it so bloody cold	5/25/2015 9:19 AM
48	council is very sound in most regards and we have to protect that for the good of the community	5/24/2015 8:26 PM
49	I think our council does a good job with the resourses available to them	5/23/2015 9:40 AM
50	Unfortunately some of the suggested amalgamations would be with other Councils that are not in a good financial position. If this takes place then we would have to accept an increase in rates to cover the increased overall cost of running the larger Council. It may seem to be a bit selfish to remain as we are, however there is a problem with the financially disadvantaged Councils, and I am not sure what the best solution is. I don't think most of our ratepayers would be accepting to rate increases to cover the additional costs of an amalgamation with these Councils.	5/23/2015 12:32 AM
51	Temora shire - thanks for what you do!	5/22/2015 6:27 PM
52	we do not want amalgamation	5/22/2015 6:17 PM
53	How many times do we have to say WE DO NOT WANT MERGER WITH ANY OTHER COUNCIL	5/22/2015 6:02 PM
54	We do not need an amalgamation. We are very happy wit the Temora Shire Council the way it is	5/22/2015 4:30 PM

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55	Cant see benefit from amalgamation considering financial position of local council	5/22/2015 2:41 PM
56	Keep Temora Shire as is very well operated, great communication in place from top level down	5/22/2015 2:40 PM
57	Keep Temora Shire as is very well operated, great communication in place from top level down	5/22/2015 2:39 PM
58	Very proud of our shire council and the way it works	5/22/2015 1:50 PM
59	With some surrounding shires not being as financially viable as Temora they may be looking to amalgamate with us to prop up their own area and council	5/22/2015 10:51 AM
60	Your web site has been down so this survey was not available on line	5/22/2015 9:48 AM
61	Temora shire council are doing a terrific job and I have never lived in an area which had such a good relationship with its constituents. This community benefits from such a forward thinking Council, and I can't see an improvement on the horizon if we amalgamate with another Council who do not have the same goals.	5/21/2015 3:28 PM
62	Stay as is	5/21/2015 1:54 PM
63	I am so supportive of our Mayor, GM & Director of Finance. Because they make sound decision for the good of the residents.	5/21/2015 1:53 PM
64	Definitely no reverse parking in Temora. Some streets need to have the bumps removed. Pursue and publicise more carparking . Aircraft should not fly over the town area. No need to waste peoples money on changing the logo. Support for fruit fly control is most important.	5/21/2015 1:50 PM
65	Animal control needs and lightening cats & dogs	5/21/2015 1:46 PM
66	We are financially viable now, lets not join wit Councils that are not. We can expect high rates and les personal attention if we amalgamate	5/21/2015 11:00 AM
67	Maybe we could take Barmedman from Bland to help them out	5/21/2015 10:58 AM
68	Better consultation wit rate payers before works are performed in front of their residence eg. Concrete footpaths, trees	5/21/2015 10:57 AM
69	We have a great council please stand alone	5/21/2015 10:52 AM
70	Temora Shire Council staff are doing a good job and are all very obliging when spoken to	5/21/2015 10:42 AM
71	TSC is doing a fantastic job, why change that. The progress we have seen in the last 35 years at being in business here is absolutely great and a credit to our TSC	5/21/2015 10:32 AM
72	3 Tiers of Government were possibly appropriate in 1901. Absolutely ridiculous and expensive in 2015. Solution - Dissolve state governments	5/20/2015 5:27 PM
73	Temora is an ace council!	5/20/2015 5:01 PM
74	Don't do it.	5/20/2015 1:14 PM
75	Dion't need to make change for change sake. Temora Council is doing a good job - why change?	5/20/2015 10:28 AM
76	no help as far as gophers in Ariah Park, no line where you can cross	5/20/2015 9:55 AM
77	I think council is doing a fantastic job. The shire looks great, roads well maintained, parks & gardens, playing fields, Lake Centenary, Airport and tourist attractions beautifully presented. Travellers who visit my business always comment on how well the town looks & the friendly people in it. We all should be proud of how the town is progressing. Keep up the good work Rick, Gaz and staff.	5/19/2015 11:52 PM
78	I think our council is very good	5/19/2015 5:14 PM
79	Don't let it happen	5/19/2015 5:12 PM
80	If it aint broke don't fix it	5/19/2015 1:46 PM
81	My overriding concern is that council amalgamation is seen as a one size fits all panacea for solving policy development administrative and budgetary management problems. The REROC concept appears to be a positive way of the future allowing councils to voluntarily pool expertise and resources toward common goals. This team approach would preserve the cultural identity of and hence community spirit within each shire	5/19/2015 10:15 AM
82	Keep fighting to stay as we are	5/19/2015 10:08 AM
83	We have a lovely town with an excellent council	5/19/2015 10:07 AM

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84	I though that the state government said there will be no forced mergers	5/19/2015 10:03 AM
85	Temora is a very capable council on its own	5/19/2015 10:00 AM
86	Congratulate the council on the job you do	5/19/2015 9:58 AM
87	Congratulate council on what jobs they do	5/19/2015 9:56 AM
88	Pleased to fill this in, hope it helps Temora	5/19/2015 9:50 AM
89	Our council is very good the way we are why change	5/19/2015 9:48 AM
90	I have been a rate payer of this council and the municipal council prior to amalgamating wit the Temora Shire since 1957 and have been happy wit the way both have operated and feel we are fortunate to have such a good council	5/19/2015 9:31 AM
91	we are strong, why should we change	5/18/2015 7:56 PM
92	Temora Shire is always ready and willing to assist organisations like RSL, Legacy and other groups. The shire is a credit to all concerned, Mayor, Councillors & Staff	5/18/2015 2:45 PM
93	I am very happy the way thinks are. We are in a very good position why ruin things, leave well enough alone	5/18/2015 1:14 PM
94	Very weird magistrate in Temora. I think there is to much money & emphasis on sport. I would like to know why our own people cant get jobs, yet footballers can come into town and get a job straight away. Can you tell me why this is	5/18/2015 1:11 PM
95	Stay as we are	5/18/2015 1:08 PM
96	There are no circumstances under which I would support an amalgamation of Councils. I will not vote for any state government that subjects our local rights and forces council amalgamation	5/18/2015 9:23 AM
97	We are very fortunate to be living in a great shire & wonderful town-but things do change, so we need to explore the changes, and hopefully make the best informed decision, and maybe it will be amalgamation...but I doubt it. The REROC system should also lead to efficiencies with plant, equipment & expertise, and still maintain local autonomy thru the local council.	5/17/2015 3:08 PM
98	Complete waste of money and extra burden on taxpayers. Temora Shire Council is a strong body. There would definitely be a loss of services	5/15/2015 5:11 PM
99	Great performers keep it up	5/15/2015 5:08 PM
100	Strongly disagree	5/15/2015 5:06 PM
101	Temora council works just fine as it is	5/15/2015 12:23 PM
102	Please scrap from "the Mayors Chair". Who is interested in what the Mayor is doing everyday	5/14/2015 4:23 PM
103	Temora is a strong progressive and sustainable community which more than for fills the needs of those who reside here provides an enjoyable and popular place for those who visit us	5/14/2015 3:18 PM
104	Keep doing a great job and make sure you sweep the loose stones off straight away after taring we all don't want stone chips on our expensive vehicles	5/14/2015 10:52 AM
105	If its not broken, don't try to fix it. We have a great council, leave us alone. We do thins properly	5/13/2015 5:07 PM
106	Councils "We cant do attitude is disgraceful". Fix your footpaths.	5/13/2015 12:56 PM
107	Better system of waste disposal for farmers, reduce or abolish tip fee	5/12/2015 3:32 PM
108	I am concerned that, should we be able to retain the status quo, government contributions to the council may be curtailed or even stopped. Otherwise Temora should stay as is and, with community support, prosper. Another concern is that with the town's demographics leaning toward more aged residents the economy will become more "lopsided". eg more carers, less producers. How would that affect future planning? With more "corporate" farmers rural population is declining. What will that mean for employment and services to the rural sector?	5/12/2015 3:10 PM
109	no	5/12/2015 2:45 PM

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110	I do wonder if we are better off merging under our terms with a council like coolamon rather than having our hand forced later on. Looking at the rural fire service model we need to be careful. Temora and bland fire Comms merged to save costs. They have since built an expensive fire comm centre in the bland and they have more staff than ever.	5/12/2015 12:45 PM
111	I would like less violence shows on our TV as it brain washes the young	5/12/2015 11:02 AM
112	The carrot for the amalgamation is the councils credit balance. Temora Community have pride in their town	5/12/2015 10:47 AM
113	As an older carer hope for more facilities for our disabled group, respite home	5/12/2015 10:35 AM
114	Speaking with friends and relatives in VIC & QLD to joining of Councils it has not been and achieved what they were told it would be	5/12/2015 10:33 AM
115	Our council does a great job looks after our needs now and is forward thinking. It meets our towns needs because it knows what is need here and delivers	5/12/2015 10:23 AM
116	No amalgamations please	5/12/2015 10:19 AM
117	Please don't amalgamate	5/12/2015 10:14 AM
118	We have a good council now	5/12/2015 10:13 AM
119	Concerned about the denofication and ghetto building in Sydney causing country areas to be defranchised	5/12/2015 10:09 AM
120	We have one of the very best Councils in NSW already so why would we want to risk damaging it by amalgamating	5/12/2015 10:07 AM
121	Just like our shire as it is please stay as Temora Shire	5/12/2015 10:05 AM
122	I am very happy with our Council as it is	5/12/2015 10:04 AM
123	If amalgamations are to take place does this mean with larger councils - state government is becoming less relevant? It appears so	5/12/2015 9:38 AM
124	Stay the way we are	5/12/2015 9:31 AM
125	The council seems to be working well so why change	5/12/2015 9:26 AM
126	Leave well enough alone	5/12/2015 9:25 AM
127	Well done Shire Council. Keep up good works. and thank you for your community spirit.	5/12/2015 8:55 AM
128	Thank you for consulting with our community.	5/11/2015 11:52 PM
129	I do not wish to allow central control now or in the future from state or federal government. At the moment we have a very good local council and I don't want to see that taken away from us.	5/11/2015 10:36 AM
130	The current council is go ahead, they get things done, fiscally conservative, catering for diverse needs. The town looks good, the theatre is a hub for all sorts of cultural activity. They take care of the kids needs and plan for the future.	5/8/2015 7:02 AM
131	Lack of employment opportunities is of great concern	5/7/2015 11:10 PM
132	Our town our council. We are a dying breed in the country, let us die alone and in peace. Enough of big city beauracrats.	5/7/2015 10:53 PM
133	No to amalgamation especially with Wagga Wagga City Council	5/7/2015 9:30 AM
134	no to any amalgamation at all costs, and especially with the wagga city council, don't let them get their hands on golden fields water either	5/7/2015 9:10 AM
135	I feel that state government decisions makers are not in touch with country and local government. needs problems and above all social issues	5/6/2015 8:58 PM
136	Stop wasting time and money on an alternative heavy vehicle route	5/6/2015 8:56 PM
137	After being a rate payer for more than 60 years I have no reason to complain about our local council on the way in which it conducts financial affairs	5/6/2015 8:54 PM
138	If it aint broken don't try to fix it	5/6/2015 8:52 PM
139	We have a very good Temora Council	5/6/2015 8:46 PM

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140	Temora people are very lucky to have such a great council	5/6/2015 8:30 PM
141	Never take your eyes off any government proposing amalgamation - they are invariably sneaky	5/6/2015 8:24 PM
142	We have a very good council, so lets keep it that way	5/6/2015 8:09 PM
143	It is difficult to know the out comes of any amalgamation except to say I am always concerned about decisions affecting our community being made by people who have no passion for our rural communities they just look at numbers. Our communities are not just numbers!	5/6/2015 10:01 AM
144	Am very happy with performance of council. Temora has an excellent council and I oppose amalgamation	5/2/2015 5:50 PM
145	I am especially thankful that at present I can ring council, talk to someone about an issue & then it is resolved. They take action then the issue is done! Efficient & responsive!	5/1/2015 10:52 AM
146	I think some councillors are very good, others below average, and that our Mayor presently pushes his own morality on too many issues that should be dealt with subjectively. Maybe just me, but feel that his column in the newspaper is always about his self promotion as you read "I" so many times.....the council is supposed to be a team, and there is no " i in TEAM". Last but not least, the staff and in particular the GM is doing a great job.	5/1/2015 10:41 AM
147	If something is not broken, people are happy with the current structure then don't try and fix it.	5/1/2015 8:54 AM
148	If it aint broke why change it	4/30/2015 3:14 PM
149	Amalgamate state and federal governments and have stronger local government which is closer to the people	4/30/2015 2:52 PM
150	I encourage Temora Shire Councillors and Residents to continue fighting to maintain independence and our identity both of which will certainly be lost through forced amalgamations.	4/30/2015 1:15 PM
151	If Temora remains the base it is a good idea	4/30/2015 1:08 PM
152	Leave Temora Shire Council the way it is, we are a very proactive achieving Council. If we amalgamate with another council we will lose all big time and not have half what we have today in the future.	4/29/2015 4:31 PM
153	No need for amalgamation our council is doing a good job	4/29/2015 4:20 PM
154	Yes what works for the city doesn't work for the country	4/29/2015 4:18 PM
155	I want Temora Shire to stay as we are, its working ok	4/29/2015 4:16 PM
156	No	4/29/2015 4:13 PM
157	We love Temora the way it is. So leave us alone.	4/29/2015 4:11 PM
158	No I love Temora the way it is, we have great amenities. Not interested in merge with any other shire council we should stand alone.	4/29/2015 4:06 PM
159	Keep up the good work	4/29/2015 9:47 AM
160	Temora should get a shopping mall	4/28/2015 5:50 PM
161	PLEASE PUT TOILETS NEAR THE CENTOPHE	4/28/2015 2:44 PM
162	I wasn't happy answering question 8. I feel council themselves would be mch more qualified to research and answer this.	4/28/2015 9:04 AM
163	A joint organisation run from a local base would be beneficial (as it currently stands) but I worry that a state controlled version would add another layer of bureaucracy and leave it open to political manipulation.	4/28/2015 8:49 AM
164	We have to be careful because if it is forced we don't want to be left with a council such as Bland, we should start forming a relationship with Coolamon.	4/28/2015 7:11 AM
165	Temora Shire Council serves its rural (out of town), constituency very well. We will become the forgotten people/ no new council will perceive its resp. as extending beyond the townships. Or the money will run on before they address our issues. And to think only a few years back we had a Narraburra Shire.	4/27/2015 1:29 PM
166	Ratepayers and community can be proud of Temora Shire Council staff, officers and services they provide. 'It ain't broke!'	4/27/2015 9:36 AM
167	I think our Council is great however it does need to remember that there are other towns apart from Temora which make up Temora Shire area. Sometimes outer towns are left to feel like the poor relations!	4/26/2015 12:39 PM

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168	Temora Shire is fine as it is at present, with a great Mayor and a strong body of councillors. Temora does not need to loose its identity.	4/25/2015 10:27 PM
169	no b doubles in town	4/24/2015 11:19 PM
170	How much money has this amalgamation talk cost so far. Could have built a new hospital here with the money wasted.	4/24/2015 2:02 PM
171	Our community is one of trust and respect, and for the most part we are a close knit community who look after one another. I believe the only negative thing I have come across in this town would be keeping our tradesmen loyal and honest to our community so that they can support us and we can support them.	4/24/2015 1:26 PM
172	I am frustrated that the most inefficient level of our three tiered government system (State) is targeting the most efficient level (local). Suggest they look more closely at their own wastage. Just because they are responsible for allocating some of our taxes to Local Councils - shouldn't allow them to bully the "local" level. The wasted resources in this exercise is typical of misguided people looking for solutions everywhere except in their own backyard. If any level of govt should be trimmed & thinned its "state". They should get themselves a "BIG" mirror. You lot do a "Great" job !!! Cheers	4/24/2015 6:27 AM
173	There needs to be much more consideration for access for the elderly . More disability parking, more gutter reconstruction to accomadate getting up gutters etc in the middle of street on the Living & Giving side May i suggest a councillor spend a day in a wheelchair & see & know how hard it is down our main street to get up gutters . Not everyone can walk or wheel one end to the other. Parking for 4 wheel drives need a separete area as its very hard to see traffic in main street also drop off & set down areas are needed in high volume areas of newsagent cafe coffee shop & near Target . Thank you for taking the time to read .	4/24/2015 12:23 AM
174	Generally speaking, our Council does a great job. They seem to be more effective and efficient than some of our neighbours and Councillors are approachable and understand our issues. Love what Council is trying to do for Youth and the efforts that the mayor in particular makes in this respect.	4/23/2015 11:04 PM
175	Caravan park at the lake to add to accommodation options . Nixon Park is a disgrace and embarrassment during winter months for sport . The ground is either like a rock or a mud patch even Wagga has better grounds . We are the joke of Group 9	4/23/2015 10:44 PM
176	Thank you for the opportunity	4/23/2015 5:10 PM
177	I think those making these decisions should come to the smaller communities & spend some time with the locals & have a good look around to get a true perspective of the needs in rural areas & the need to keep Local Councils.	4/23/2015 2:18 PM
178	Good luck Temora Council!	4/23/2015 2:17 PM
179	We have a great Council that leaves many others for dead!	4/23/2015 2:15 PM
180	I am very pleased with Council's financial stability and the efficiency and effectiveness of its staff.	4/22/2015 9:57 AM
181	I'm also concerned about the JO being controlled by the State Government instead of local councils. It means that the JO will be used for political means.	4/22/2015 9:26 AM
182	NO ALMAGAMATIONS!!!!	4/21/2015 2:04 PM
183	Yes. So the mention of REROC and of a joint organisation in Q12 means that you think because the Council is a member of REROC, we're already in the loop with the bigger Shires and no need to amalgamate? REROC is a waste of money and resources, and the fact that you throw money to some accountancy firm to fund some Executive Officer just goes to show how Councils have become so convoluted, wasteful and self serving. Sorry my responses won't support your submission, no doubt plenty of others will though.	4/21/2015 9:29 AM
184	we have one of the best council in the state. our town and shire are a credit to remora shire council. amalgamation will prove negative for us. we as ratepayers need to support our mayor and council.	4/19/2015 8:05 PM
185	Open the bloody lake back up for the fisherman and other users.	4/19/2015 12:53 PM
186	I was unable to change my preferences for which councils to amalgamate with on my iPhone. I have no preference anyway.	4/19/2015 3:41 AM

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187	This process, as a whole, is flawed as very little information has been provided to residents in order that an educated & informed decision can be made. The message "no to amalgamations" has been the only information provided consistently, so how does Council feel that this empty consultation will provide a balanced & informed result? Overall, the issue has become far too emotional with a stress upon community identity, etc, as opposed to ability to deliver functions & services to the rate payers in a more efficient manner. This should be a decision taken by administrators with no vested interest in the outcome, not politicians & staff whose positions depend upon the result.	4/18/2015 12:44 PM
188	Not enough information was provided about all options to allow for informed responses.	4/18/2015 12:31 PM
189	TSC needs to be in a healthy financial and asset managed position to stay independent, dollars must be used for sustainability.	4/17/2015 7:00 PM