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15 December 2014

Councillor Michael Hayes  
Mayor  
Cabonne Shire Council  
PO Box 17  
**MOLONG NSW 2866**

Dear Michael

I am writing to you with regard to the Fit for the Future Local Government Reforms and to advise that Forbes Shire Council has received representations from the "Eugowra Steering Committee for Shire Boundary Change" communicating the committees' support for Eugowra to become part of the Forbes Local Government area. I have also received a copy of a letter to the Steering Committee from the Minister for Local Government encouraging the Committee to make its views known to both Cabonne and Forbes Shire Council. I have attached a copy of this letter for your information.

As we are both aware some members of the Eugowra community have been quite vocal about a shire boundary adjustment to incorporate the Eugowra community within the Forbes Shire.

We also both know it is important as elected officials that our community needs and views are taken into account for any proposed changes during the reform process; and it is with this in mind that I suggest a meeting between ourselves, our Deputy Mayors and our General Managers early in the New Year.

I understand the Office of Local Government has retained professional facilitators for such a discussion between councils and if you think a facilitated discussion would be worthwhile, then perhaps your General Manager and our General Manager could make the arrangements. I look forward to hearing from you to commence discussions that prove positive for both our communities.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

Cr Ron Penny  
**MAYOR**



The Hon Paul Toole MP  
Minister for Local Government

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Mr Lance Wheeldon  
Chalfi Tlan  
The Eugowra Stee.-ng Comm1Uee  
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EUGOWRA NSW 2806



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Dear Mr WheelOon

Thank you for your letter of 26 September 2014 about your Comm1ttee s contonl.II'd support for a change to the boundanes of the Caboono and Forbes Shn local government areas. I underatand jIOUr Comm.ttee rema1ns oommitted to a pl"Op0581 fOf the Eugowra d\*stnct to become pan of the Forbes Shire local go"emmentarea

As you would be aware the NSW Government recently announced the Fit for the Future (FFTF) reform package. These reforms Will help to create smarter, modern local councils that can v.orIt together With the State to deliNer the housing, jobs end transport needs into the future.

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If you have not already done so I would ell(X)U(age y'001' Comm ttee 10 malco lis v-11 known to both Cabonne and Forbes Shire Councils 1n the context of the r FFTF proposals.

Thank you for your interest 111 this 1mportant local government reform IntatJVe and for making me aware of your Comm1ttee s views

You1s sincerely



Paul Toole MP  
Minister



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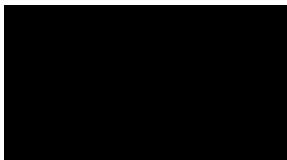
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Dear Ron

Thank you for your letter of 15 December 2014 advising of representations made to Forbes Shire Council from the Eugowra Steering Committee for Shire Boundary Change.

As I'm sure you will agree, response the State Government's Fit for the Future reform package will be in a priority for all NSW Councils in the first half of 2015 and I look forward to discussing the proposal with you in the future.

Yours faithfully



Michael Hayes  
MAYOR

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16 June 2015

Mr John Davis  
Mayor  
Orange City Council  
PO Box 35  
**ORANGE NSW 2800**

Dear Mayor Davis

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me and our General Manager on Friday 12 June to discuss our respective Fit for the Future submissions.

In the event that amalgamations are forced upon Orange and Cabonne we ask that the lines of communication remain open in relation to the Eugowra community.

For many years representation has been made by the Eugowra people in becoming part of Forbes Shire.

Once again thank you for your time to meet with us.

Yours faithfully

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Cr Phyllis Miller OAM  
**MAYOR**

cc *Mr Gary Styles*  
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24 June 2015

Cr Phyllis Miller OAM  
Mayor  
Forbes Shire Council  
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Dear Mayor Miller

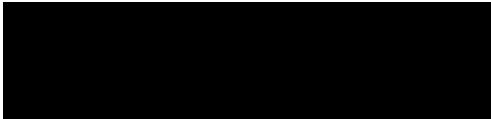
**RE: FIT FOR THE FUTURE SUBMISSIONS**

Thank you for your letter of 16 June 2015 in regard to our meeting on Friday 12 June to discuss our respective Fit for the Future submissions.

Your letter, which highlighted the desire of Eugowra people becoming part of Forbes Shire should an amalgamation occur, formed part of the business paper which went to an Extraordinary meeting of Council last night, 23 June 2015. In addition to this, the Eugowra position is also forming part of Orange City Council's Fit for the Future Submission which will be lodged on 30 June 2015.

Thank you for your time and rest assured that the lines of communication will remain open between our Councils.

Kind regards

  
Cr John Davis OAM  
MAYOR

cc. Mr Brian Steffen

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