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**HAVE YOUR SAY ON COUNCIL
BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS**

Community Consultation

Future of Local Government Review

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INTRODUCTION:

Local governments provide people with the opportunity to actively participate in direct decision-making about their community. The community makes the local in “local” government.

The Break O’Day Council (BODC) wanted to enable the community to have the opportunity to independently express their thoughts and ideas about the future of local government in Tasmania.

This Report captures the outcomes of the independent engagement process undertaken to consider the Local Government Board’s (LGB) proposed Scenarios for the North East Catchment and potential alternatives.

KEY OBJECTIVES:

- Create the opportunity for our community to consider and discuss the North East Community Catchment - Scenarios as proposed by the Local Government Board (LGB).
- Identify what the community believes would be the best option to ensure effective services, improved local service delivery and representation; and
- Enable our community to have a ‘voice’ in the future of our local government.

KEY OUTCOMES

1. Scenario 1 A - *Break O’Day with Bicheno* was the only proposed Local Government Board (LGB) scenario that was considered to be a logical change in boundary adjustments for our local council.
2. The preferred options identified through both the **Your Voice Your Council – Let’s Talk Conversations** and our **Local Government Review – Community Survey** was that if boundary adjustments were to take place then the logical outcome would be BODC joining with communities south not north.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY

A variety of strategies were used in undertaking the consultation process in relation to the Future Government Review that includes the Break O' Day Municipality. The focus of the consultation was specifically in relation to the Review's proposed Scenarios presented in the North East Catchment. The aim was to engage with as many people, organisations, businesses, and communities over a four (4) week period to determine the communities' thoughts and ideas in relation to the proposed boundary adjustments identified by the Future Government Review.

Break O' Day consists of a group of individual communities – all with a distinct sense of place under the umbrella of the municipality of Break O' Day Council (BODC). To ensure we captured a broad spread of community views, individual and community conversations were held across the following townships:

St Helens	Falmouth & Four Mile Creek
St Marys	Binalong Bay (Bay of Fires)
Ansons Bay	The Fingal Valley & Mathinna
Scamander	Pyengana/Weldborough

A campaign was created: **YOUR VOICE – YOUR COUNCIL – LET'S TALK**

The following strategies were implemented to promote the campaign:

1. **Flyers - Let's Talk** encouraging people to have their say and providing options to enable people to participate in sharing their thoughts about the proposed Council boundary adjustments.
2. **Get involved** with a "**Community Chat**" advertising specific township conversations.
3. "**Take our Survey**" **Future of Local Government Review - Community Survey** – scan a QR code enabling people to take it on line, there was the provision for people to get a hard copy directly from the BODC Council or at one of the "**Community Chat**" events. A QR code link to the survey was also sent out with the Council rates notices.
4. **Information** through our various local papers – The Valley Voice and Coastal Column, and on local radio – encouraging people to get involved in sharing their ideas. Utilisation of the "socials" aimed to create a greater reach. Plus the Break O' Day Council monthly newsletter included information as to how people could directly engage in sharing their thoughts on the proposed LGB Council boundary adjustments.

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5. **Community Chats**, independent of Council, held with individuals, businesses, community groups – this was key to listening to our communities about the proposed boundary adjustments and LGB Scenarios. It was also the main strategy, along with the **Survey**, to engage people in sharing their thoughts/ideas about the future of their local government.

To ensure consistency a set of questions for small conversation groups/individuals and community groups was created.

Three (3) themes were identified for discussion with a set of questions aimed at:

- Setting people at ease and relaxed in a group gathering or on a one to one;
- Being brief, and meaningful to everyone – enabling people to understand how to respond to the questions without any further information or explanation – and would draw on their own lived experiences to offer an answer; and
- Putting everyone on a level playing field and to help maintain people’s focus.

An information pack was handed out to attendees which included; a flyer with QR link to the survey, a hard copy of the survey as well as an info sheet on the scenarios proposed and the conversation themes that were discussed during the “chats”.

The Appendix includes examples of:

1. Flyers Let’s Talk – including specific township chats eg Falmouth
2. The Survey
3. Rates notice reminder

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YOUR VOICE YOUR COUNCIL – LET’S TALK

Community Chats - conversation Starters

1. Theme: Living in the Break O’Day Community

- What makes for a strong community?
- What are the best things about living in Break O’ Day?

2. Theme: Future of Local Government Review – Our Council

- What makes for a really good local council?
- Which of the Scenarios presented by the Local Government Review do you think would best suit our community?
 - What are the strengths?
 - What are the weaknesses or challenges?
 - Are there any suggestions that could be made to improve the chosen scenario?
- Are there any other options?

3. Theme: Issues and concerns

- Are there any particular concerns or issues about the proposed future of our Council that you feel strongly about?
- Any ideas as to what you think could be done to deal with these issues effectively?

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OUTCOMES

Community Conversations Wrap-up

Theme: Living in Break O Day

1. What makes a strong community?

- Sense of place connection to community (belonging)
- The people living in a community can have access to:
 - Health facilities
 - Sporting facilities
 - Access to education
 - Community services
- People working together for the betterment of the community
- Volunteers
- Diversity of personalities and strengths.
- Effective communication and co-ordination amongst groups/organisations/governments.

2. What are the best things about living in Break O'Day?

- Our unique environment is easily accessible– the beaches, surf, the mountains = mountains to the sea.
- Accessibility to the decision makers – can have direct local input into decisions.
- Diversity – not everyone is attracted to the surf and sand – but eg Fingal, Mathinna, and St Marys, provide alternative environment to the coast – so a real mix of people – good for our students to be exposed to diverse groups in our community.
- Our local newspapers – cover both the Coast and the Valley – recognise our diversity but provides connectivity.
- Strengths = sense of community - mountain bike trails...surfing, bush walking

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Theme 2. Future of Local Government Review – Our Council

1. What makes for a really good local council?

- Pro-active council – attends to the “small” things for Council but important for residents.
- Maintenance – effectively maintaining the look of our towns – infrastructure, parks, gardens, roads
- Effective relationship with State Government
- Pro-active Councilors, accessibility to the “decision makers” and provide support to communities that want to have a go....
- Consistent delivery of services, clear accountability measures & listening to people
- Operates under good decision making processes – researched, due diligence and then get on with it!!!

2. Which of the Scenarios presented by the Local Government Review do you think would best suit our community?

- What are the strengths?
- What are the weaknesses or challenges?
- Are there any suggestions that could be made to improve the chosen scenario?

Scenario 1 A – the best option provided by the LGB

- Greater synergies among the communities along the East Coast – BODC, and Bicheno than with the other municipalities – e.g Dorset, Flinders Island and George Town
- Amalgamation should occur where there are common needs – around hospital – health, commerce, education
- Great commonality with Bicheno
- Financially a better option to go south not north

Scenario 2 – NO

- No real synergies with BODC – different agriculture, travel takes time – not easy to navigate the Welborough Pass. People travel from St Helens to Launceston to shop, finances etc rather than head to Scottsdale – Dorset
- The Welborough Pass geographically cuts off BODC from Dorset – logistically could be challenging to manage the council areas effectively without cost increases

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Scenario 3 – NO

- Flinders Island should remain a single council – unique community and too far from BODC – travel would be problematic, would be difficult to manage – logistically.
- Too large an area – with little commonality among the areas eg Dorset has different demographics/different business – forestry, “industrial” farming.
- Areas such as Musselroe Bay, Eddystone, Mt William as a border from a tourism perspective could work with BODC, – but no similar industries with Scottsdale or George Town.
- BODC is different to Dorset – made up of generational families, industries different = forestry – different economic base – ‘agricultural industry’ – centralised within Scottsdale. Although a “beach” community Bridport has a broader range of industries - complementary to Dorset – parts of the George Town municipality, rather than BODC.

Travel time because of the type and quality of roads makes the proposed scenario 2 and 3 highly problematic.

3. Are there any other options?

- Amalgamation with Glamorgan – northern section – Bicheno to around Cranbrook – Swansea – keep the Coast together = East Coast Council
- East Coast Industries - tourism, agriculture more focused on wine, not broad acre farming found in the Dorset municipality, makes for better synergies along the East Coast
- State Government funds “East Coast Tourism” – along with BODC and Glamorgan Spring Bay Councils – would seem logical to create a Council that mirrors the like type businesses that operate in the relevant municipalities – could create economies of scale
- Use the Great Eastern Drive to determine, the best community links...it covers the Fingal Valley – and all of BODC and further south...

OR

- Keep BODC the same: –
 - as there isn't a great deal of evidence to support the notion that amalgamating geographically large rural councils will improve service delivery or result in cost savings
 - Dorset has different demographics/different business – forestry. “Industrial” farming – BODC has more in common with northern part of Glamorgan Spring Bay.

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Theme 3. Issues and concerns

1. Are there any particular concerns or issues about the proposed future of our Council that you feel strongly about?

- Democratic representation – “I know my councillor personally” will that stay the same?
- Staff reductions – local jobs are important
- Businesses are sceptical about the potential savings
- Can creating larger council areas really attract quality staff or will it become more costly to maintain areas due to time spent in travelling?
- Position of “central office”?
- Ensure that councillors, as representatives, need to cover the whole of the community not concentrated in one or two areas
- A vote has less impact if part of a larger Council
- The smaller communities are concerned about losing their “sense of place/identity”.

2. Any ideas as to what you think could be done to deal with these issues effectively?

- Wards – to ensure equal representation across the municipality – at least in the first years of amalgamation
- Rather than combining municipalities consider management of systems eg HR, dog registration, parts of planning – similar to eg drivers licensing that covers the whole state - consider economies of scale
- Stronger relationships with State Government – co-ordination
- Focus on place based funding allocation....

Although Planning was an area not to be considered for consultation there were a number of suggestions that:

“Planning needs to remain with Local Councils however big projects should logically be managed by the State Government.”

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Our Future of Local Government – Community Survey

The purpose of the Community Survey was to capture qualitative data. The aim was to gather information that would identify where different members of our BODC communities shop, travel, access medical services and recreational activities. It also provided the opportunity to determine how much connection there was between different communities across the municipal boundaries of Dorset and Glamorgan Spring Bay Councils.

To date the data from both the conversations we have had through our “**Your Voice Your Council – Let’s Talk**” strategy and our **Survey** has confirmed that there are stronger connections with communities on the East Coast than with those in Dorset/George Town and Flinders Island.

A snap shot of the results from the Survey are outlined below – the detailed Survey results are included in the Appendix

Area You Live In

- Majority of responses came from the Break O’Day municipality, however Glamorgan Spring Bay also featured along with 1 response from Dorset and “Other” included a mix of Hobart, Launceston, Longford, West Tamar.

Age Groups

- The dominate age groups were:
 - 45 to 54
 - 55 to 64 being the most dominate.

Schooling

- Although the majority of responses that was recorded “ I don’t require access to educational services” the main locations included St Marys, St Helens and Launceston.

Shopping:

- St Helens registered the highest number of where people shop, with Launceston coming in second followed by St Marys
- Scottsdale came in after Hobart, with very few responses

Medical Services

- St Helens followed by St Marys the highest
- Launceston and Swansea were 3 and 4 on the list.

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Recreational Activities

- St Helens and St Marys were the most common areas where people participated in recreational activities.
- Scamander and Bicheno were next with Swansea coming in before Scottsdale.

The Scenarios:

Scenario 1	Attracted the highest number of responses - 47%
Scenario 2	Attracted – 19:14%
Scenario 3	Attracted – 20:99%
Other	Attracted – 15.43% - here respondents were asked to specify what other meant.

The majority of comments mirrored the responses received through the “**Your Voice Your Council – Lets Talk**” conversations. People were given the opportunity to explain why they thought their chosen option/s were the best. There were around 140 responses ranging from “keep BODC as is” to “bigger Councils have better recourses (more source of income)”

If boundaries need to be adjusted or amalgamations are to take place the **Survey** supports that BODC has greater synergies with the East Coast rather than the North East Catchment proposed by the LGB. Given the outcomes of both our “**Your Voice Your Council – Let’s Talk**” conversations and our **Survey**, the Local Government Board should take into consideration either leaving BODC as is or an “East Coast Council” involving BODC and Glamorgan- Spring Bay.

A detailed breakdown of the survey results are included in the appendix.

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Appendix 1. – Let's Talk Flyer

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Have you heard about the proposed changes to our Council area?

Have you thought about how this might affect you?

LET'S TALK

The Local Government Board (the Board), has recently released its recommendations for Council boundary adjustments proposing three different scenarios for our council area and Council wants to hear from you.



To help Council gather feedback from the community we have engaged local consultant, Sheridan van Asch who will be running community conversations around our area.

HOW DO I HAVE MY SAY?

Take our survey: Scan the QR code to take the survey online or contact Break O'Day Council for a hard copy.

Get in touch: Invite Sheridan to your group's meeting or have a one-on-one chat with Sheridan by emailing: haveyoursay@bodc.tas.gov.au

Keep an eye out: Keep an eye on Council's website for information on Community Chat events around the area.



If you have any questions call the Break O'Day Council Office on 6376 7900

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Appendix 2. – Community Consultation Summary

CONVERSATIONS Snap Shot	TYPE								
<p>Individual rate payers holiday home owners Four Mile Creek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Scenario 1 A – BODC with Bicheno, Flinders stays alone, concerns raised re costs of travel re larger area & would this lead to an increase in rates. 	<p>One on one conversation</p>								
<p>Individual rate payers holiday home owners Scamander</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater synergies among the communities along the East Coast – BODC and Bicheno than with the other municipalities e.g Dorset, Flinders Island and George Town. Re planning etc. need for effective relationship with the State Government. 	<p>One on one conversation</p>								
<p>Four Mile Creek Association – Public Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scenario 1 A – alternative keep the East Coast together - further south Cranbrook? Consider Wards to ensure fair representation. 	<p>One on one conversation</p>								
<p>Individual rate payer – Davis Gully Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scenario 1 A – logical to include Bicheno and further south – Freycinet or consider where children on the Coast attend school, and people shop/travel. 	<p>One on one conversation</p>								
<p>Binalong Rate Payers Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amalgamate where there is common need – hospitals, commerce, similar industries, education and consider travel corridors – tourism is a key industry particularly the Bay of Fires area. Logical to include areas south rather than north – follow the Great Eastern Drive. Members and their place of permanent residence: <table data-bbox="378 1266 1281 1429"> <tr> <td>Binalong Bay -16</td> <td>Launceston including Perth – 26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hobart - 14</td> <td>Queensland -5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Melbourne- 4</td> <td>Country Victoria - 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scottsdale - 2</td> <td>Sydney – 2</td> </tr> </table> 	Binalong Bay -16	Launceston including Perth – 26	Hobart - 14	Queensland -5	Melbourne- 4	Country Victoria - 2	Scottsdale - 2	Sydney – 2	<p>Face to face conversation</p>
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Hobart - 14	Queensland -5								
Melbourne- 4	Country Victoria - 2								
Scottsdale - 2	Sydney – 2								
<p>TOTAL: 71</p>									

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<p>East Coast Physio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Scenario 1 A – however if Councils have to amalgamate – should at least consider moving further south not north. Include not just Bicheno but also could go as far as Coles Bay etc Swansea maybe. 	<p>One on one conversation</p>
<p>East Coast Tourism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break O’Day – to include not just Bicheno but also Coles Bay – and maybe down to Swansea or further – this would cover all of the small regional communities that have similarities re business – agri-tourism = make an East Coast Council. 	<p>Face to face conversation</p>
<p>Falmouth Fire Brigade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TFS creates our boundaries – not bound by Council municipalities, allocated south of Falmouth, but have consistently been called up as far north as Pyengana, St Helens west to Mathinna have attended fires as far south as Dolphin Sands. Very rare to attend fires in the George Town/Dorset area. 	<p>Face to face conversation</p>
<p>NE Bioregional Network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prefer to keep BODC the same – as there isn't a great deal of evidence either to support the notion that amalgamating geographically large rural councils will improve service delivery or result in cost savings. Not “local” if the area is too big – difficult for people to be involved in decision making – no economy of scales – huge area with small rate base could be problematic. 	<p>Phone conversation</p>
<p>Chamber of Commerce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scenario 1A the most logical – Bicheno community similar to BODC - going south makes more sense – communities, culture, businesses and industries are similar whereas industries north (Dorset) are very different eg “picking grapes v digging potatoes”, and therefore resource sharing would be a natural fit. Relaxing drive heading south eg “Chain of Lagoons to Swansea V the Weldborough Pass”. 	<p>Meeting</p>
<p>Cottage Quilters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our diversity of communities makes BODC unique – logical to link up with southern communities more relevant in terms of businesses, type of agriculture, rather than north – follow the Great Eastern Drive and leverage off this strategy. If boundary adjustments are to be made Scenario 1A – BODC with Bicheno makes the most sense, and consideration should be given to including other areas further south – not north. 	<p>Face to face conversation</p>

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<p>St Helens Neighbourhood House:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scenario 1A – however consideration needs to be given to adopting a “place based” approach if boundary adjustments are to be implemented. The North East – Dorset is very different culturally, a different economic base to BODC. Agriculture is centred around Scottsdale and is different to farming in the Fingal Valley. While the key industry in BODC and south is more “tourism” focused. 	<p>Face to face conversation</p>
<p>Fingal Community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prefer to remain as the current BODC – but Scenario 1A – BODC with Bicheno greater synergies than the large North East council proposed by the LGB. Has any consideration been given to adjusting boundaries to include Avoca – taking the boundary to Conara? 	<p>Face to face conversation</p>
<p>Seymour Community Action Group Inc. (SCAGI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would prefer to be part of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council – don’t see any connection with BODC. 	<p>Telephone conversation</p>
<p>Ansons Bay Community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would a larger Council see improved delivery of services eg better health facilities, better waste collection, better roads? What is needed is to maximise opportunities eg tourism, work on the wind farms. Scenario 1A – supported with Bicheno – or keep BODC as is... 	<p>Face to face conversation</p>
<p>Scamander & Beaumaris Community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build on our strengths - coastal tourism, fishing, wineries, agriculture if required to make boundary adjustments. Scenario 1 A – but with Bicheno and Coles Bay – past Devil Corner or stay the same. Scenario 2 and 3 not viable or cost effective in terms of BODC location. Logical step could be an East Coast Council – BODC + Glamorgan Spring Bay Shared resources best option of amalgamation is required – administration centralised eg pay role etc 	<p>Community township conversation</p>
<p>St Marys Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small numbers due to announcement that amalgamations won’t be “forced”. Scenario 1 A – BODC with Bicheno logical due to similar business, students travel to St Marys to attend school but go as far as Cranbrook – Old Coach Road creates a boundary around to Fingal. Keep Glamorgan in name of any council changes – oldest council. “Wards” would ensure fair representation across a larger physical council area. Has any consideration been given to adjusting boundaries to include Avoca – taking the boundary to Conara? 	<p>Community township conversation</p>

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<p>Real Estate Agent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BODC with Bicheno logical – but consider going further south to Cranbrook – Swansea – create “Greater East Coast” council, rather than going north – more part of the East Coast than the North East. 	<p>One on one conversation</p>
<p>Vineyard Owner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staying towards the East Coast more logical than the North East. Type of work in NE is different than the East Coast. BODC boundary adjustments more logical to go south– easy to commute from St Helens as far as Cranbrook – if not further. Not logical to go north there is a natural barrier between BODC and Dorset/Scottsdale. Including parts of Glamorgan Spring Bay with Tasman Peninsula could be problematic – Tasman Peninsula to isolated from areas e.g Swansea. 	<p>One on one conversation</p>
<p>Falmouth Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No strong reasons seem to have been provided for amalgamation. Resource sharing good idea and has worked on North West coast. A bigger council area problematic in terms of councillor representation – where would “headquarters” be located, travel could be challenging. Suggestion to consider “precincts” (defined area) ensuring representatives from all areas. “Planning” recognised is not part of the current LGB review BUT consider that State planning decisions to be made on large/big state significant projects and leave local planning to local Councils - keeping the local in ‘local government’. East Coast Council – BODC and south e.g influx of tourism – share the benefit. Precincts instead of Wards suggested 	<p>Community township conversation</p>
<p>Mathinna Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the current Council’s physical area increases then need to ensure fair representation in decision making, recognising that people feel they belong to a place like Mathinna - “a sense of place” = sense of being part of a real community – “ward system” may need to be introduced Consider what funding support is required to ensure better roads e.g South Esk road as a main road is in appalling condition – major truck route, dangerous – will a larger Council have the capacity to negotiate for better needed infrastructure? Given the proximity to Ringarooma there are synergies with being part of the North East Scenario 2, leaving Flinders Island on its own. 	<p>Community township conversation</p>

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Appendix 3. – Hardcopy of the Survey

Future of Local Government Review - Community Survey

Have your Say on what you think your Local Government should look like in the future.

The Break O'Day Council would like to hear your ideas on the Council boundaries proposed by the Local Government Board.

So we can better understand how our communities' access our services as well as understand what you think Local Government looks like in the future we have designed this survey.

Answers from this survey will be shared with the Local Government Board. Any reports published publically will have personal information removed.

1. First and Last Name

* 2. Which Local Government Area do you live in?

- Break O'Day
- Glamorgan Spring Bay
- Dorset
- Other (please specify)

* 3. Address of your Property in the Break O'Day, Dorset or Glamorgan Spring Bay local Government areas.

Address	<input type="text"/>
City/Town	<input type="text"/>
State/Province	<input type="text"/>
ZIP/Postal Code	<input type="text"/>

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* 4. Is this your permanent address?

- Yes
- No



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5. What is your permanent address?

Address	<input type="text"/>
City/Town	<input type="text"/>
State/Province	<input type="text"/>
ZIP/Postal Code	<input type="text"/>

* 6. How old are you?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85+

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* 12. Where do you or your family access educational services like schools and tafe?

- I don't require access to this service
- St Marys
- St Helens
- Bicheno
- Swansea
- Triabunna
- Launceston
- Hobart
- Scottsdale
- Winneleah
- Other (please specify)

* 13. Where do you and your family do your big grocery shop?

(You can select more than one)

- St Helens
- St Marys
- Bicheno
- Swansea
- Triabunna
- Launceston
- Hobart
- Scottsdale
- Bridport
- Other (please specify)

* 14. Where do you go to the Doctor?

(You can select more than one)

- St Helens
- St Marys
- Swansea
- Scottsdale
- Launceston
- Hobart

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* 15. Where do you access recreational activities. For example are you part of a sports club and if so, where are they based?

(You can select more than one)

- Triabunna
- Swansea
- Bicheno
- St Helens
- St Marys
- Fingal
- Scamander
- Scottsdale
- None
- Other (please specify)



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Community Catchments

As part of the review The Future of Local Government Review Board has provided three scenarios as a starting point for us to consider how we can shape Break O'Day's future.

It's important to clarify that the options presented are scenarios, not the only possibilities.

We would appreciate your feedback on each scenario and any proposed boundary adjustments that may not have been taken into account.

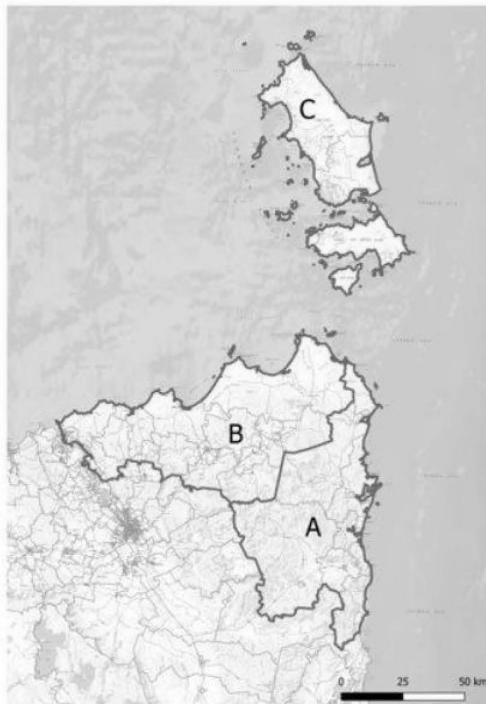
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Scenario 1

Will establish three council areas, including;

- A. The existing Break O'Day area (potentially with Bicheno)
- B. A Council encompassing George Town and Dorset extending to incorporate Lebrina etc.
- C. Retaining the current Flinders Island Council

North-East: Scenario 1



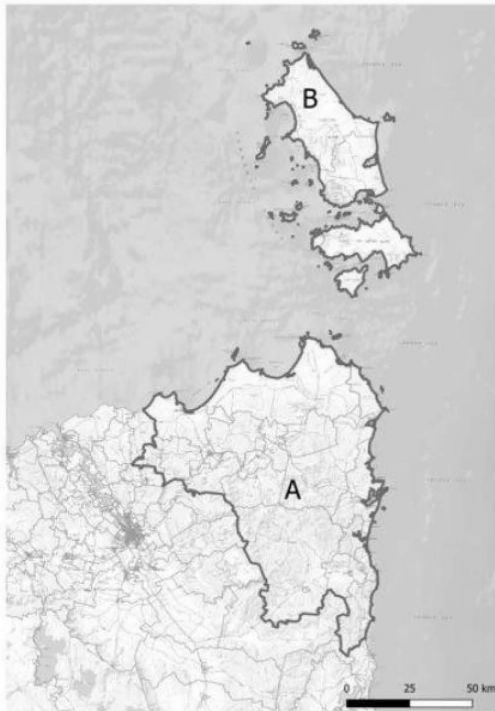
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Scenario 2

Will establish two new council areas including;

- A. The 'mainland' portion of the North East Community Catchment area.
- B. Retaining the current Flinders Island council.

North-East: Scenario 2



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Scenario 3

Will establish one council area comprising the entire North East Community Catchment Area including Flinders Island.



* 16. Which of the above three scenarios do you think would have the most benefit?

- Scenario 1
- Scenario 2
- Scenario 3
- Other (please specify)

17. Why do you think your choice would be the best option?

18. Are there any other options that you would like us to consider in terms of boundary adjustments?

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Appendix 3. – Flyer included with rates notice.

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Have you heard about the proposed changes to our Council area?

Have you thought about how this might affect you?

We want to hear from you

The Local Government Board (the Board), has recently released its recommendations for Council boundary adjustments proposing three different scenarios for our council area and Council wants to hear from you.

HOW DO I HAVE MY SAY?

Take our survey: Scan the QR code to take the survey online or contact Break O'Day Council for a hard copy.

Keep an eye out: Keep an eye on Council's website for information on Community Chat events around the area.



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Appendix 4. Example of Township flyers

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**We are holding a Community Chat in your area.
We would love to see you there.**

Falmouth
WHEN: 22 July
TIME: 10:00 - 12.00
WHERE: Falmouth Community Centre

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MATHINNA
WHEN: Tuesday 25 July
TIME: 3:30- 5:30
WHERE: Mathinna Club

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Appendix 5. – Survey Report

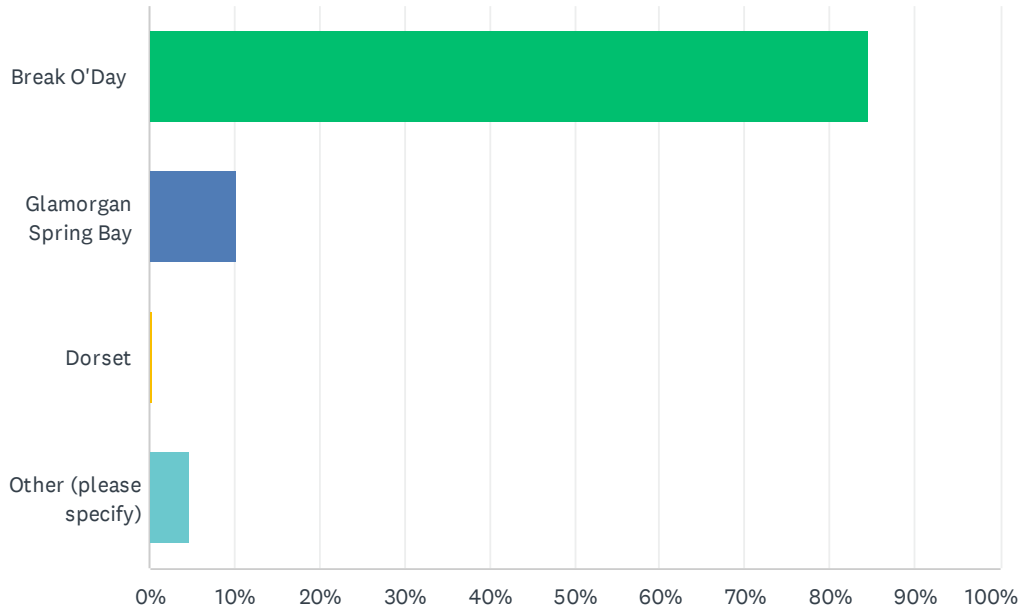
Please note:

All identifiers and personal information has been removed from this report.

If the Board would like to explore this data in further detail – please contact Break O’Day Council.

Q2 Which Local Government Area do you live in?

Answered: 195 Skipped: 0

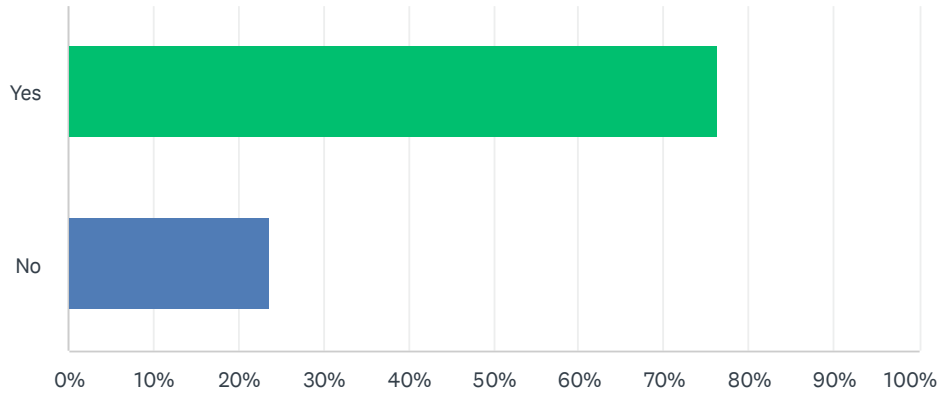


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Break O'Day	84.62%	165
Glamorgan Spring Bay	10.26%	20
Dorset	0.51%	1
Other (please specify)	4.62%	9
TOTAL		195

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Launceston	7/16/2023 6:29 PM
2	Hobart	7/15/2023 9:05 PM
3	Launceston	7/15/2023 8:32 PM
4	West Tamar	7/15/2023 11:01 AM
5	Meander Valley	7/15/2023 10:23 AM
6	Ansons Bay	7/15/2023 7:20 AM
7	Meander Valley	7/14/2023 7:57 PM
8	Longford Tas	7/13/2023 1:44 PM
9	City of Launceston	7/11/2023 9:22 AM

Q4 Is this your permanent address?

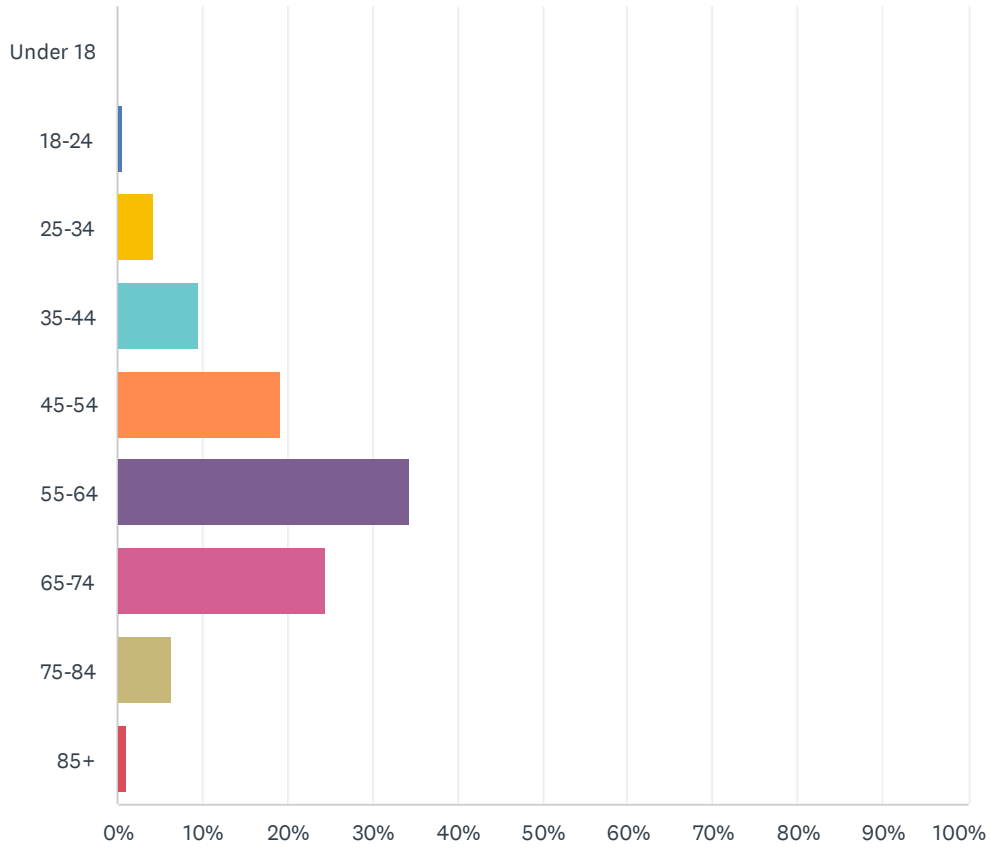
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.41%	149
No	23.59%	46
TOTAL		195

Q6 How old are you?

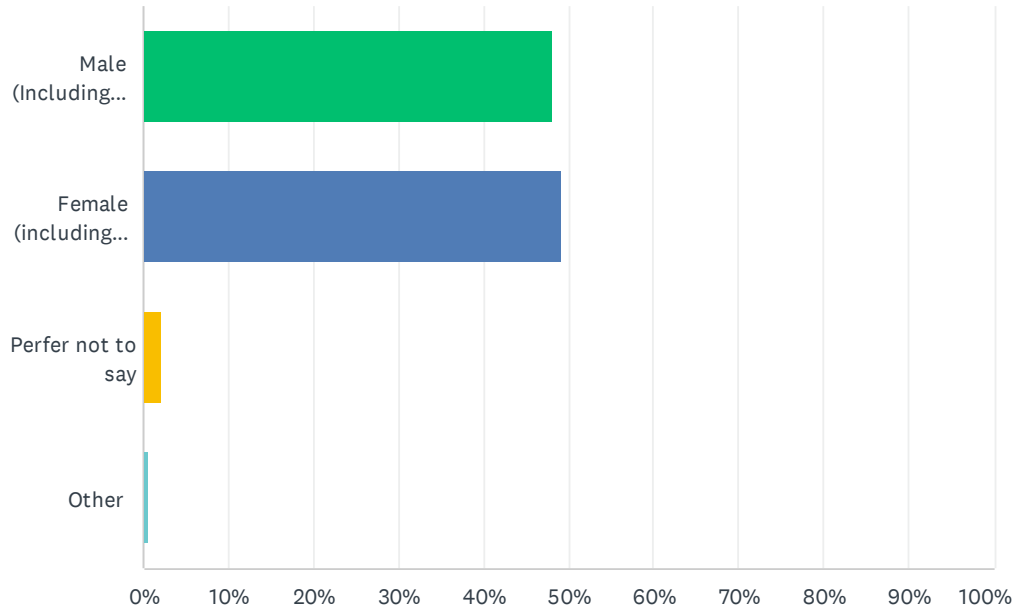
Answered: 187 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	0.53%	1
25-34	4.28%	8
35-44	9.63%	18
45-54	19.25%	36
55-64	34.22%	64
65-74	24.60%	46
75-84	6.42%	12
85+	1.07%	2
TOTAL		187

Q7 How would you describe your gender?

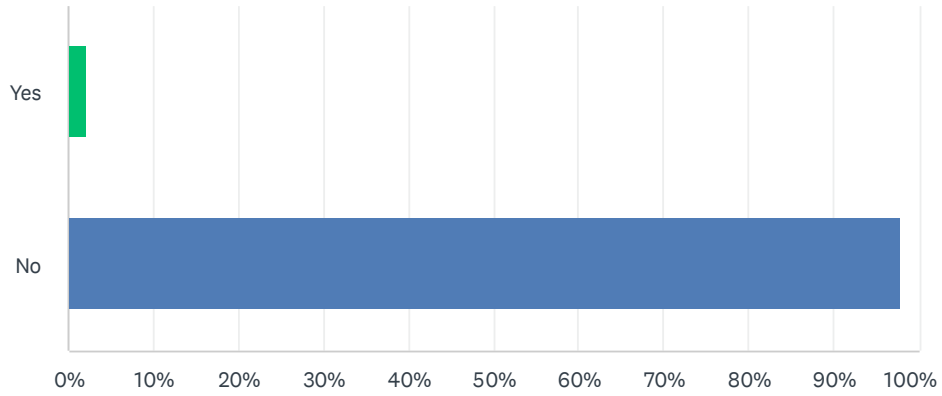
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male (Including transgender men)	48.13%	90
Female (including transgender women)	49.20%	92
Prefer not to say	2.14%	4
Other	0.53%	1
TOTAL		187

Q8 Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

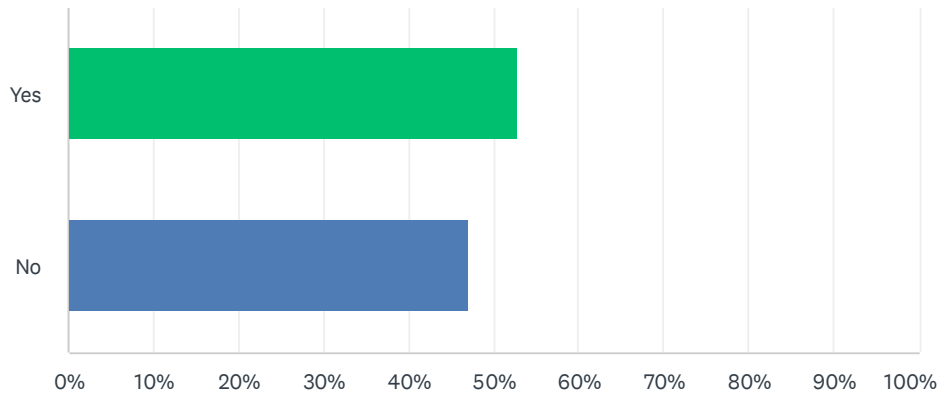
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	2.14%	4
No	97.86%	183
TOTAL		187

Q10 Would you like us to add you to the Break O'Day Council email database?

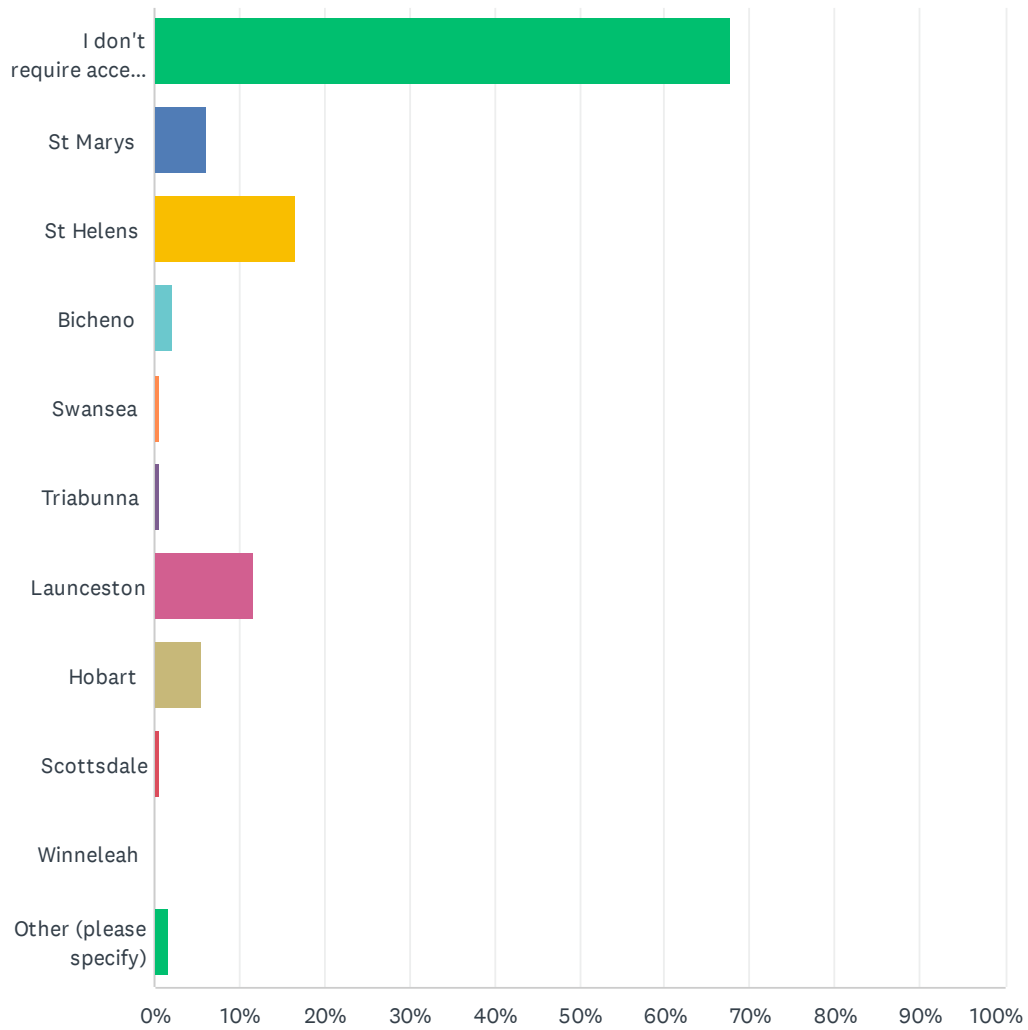
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	52.94%	99
No	47.06%	88
TOTAL		187

Q12 Where do you or your family access educational services like schools and tafe?

Answered: 180 Skipped: 15



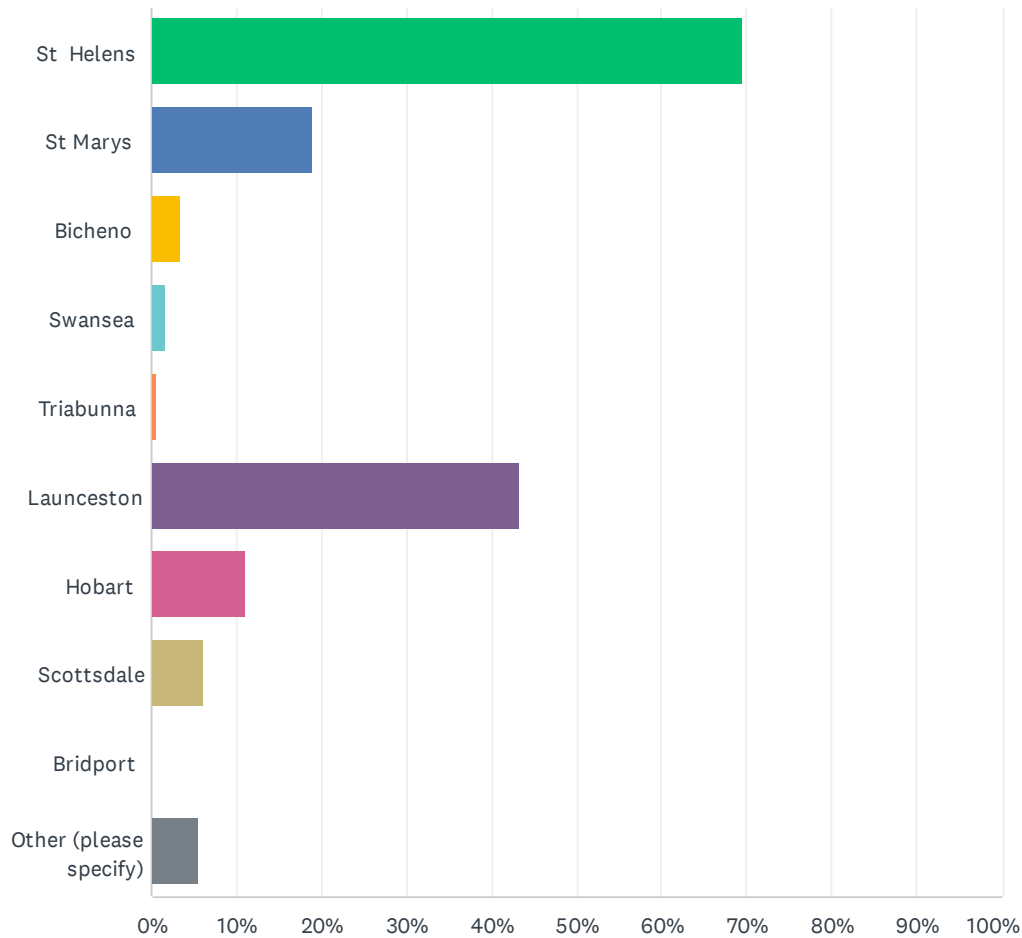
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't require access to this service	67.78%	122
St Marys	6.11%	11
St Helens	16.67%	30
Bicheno	2.22%	4
Swansea	0.56%	1
Triabunna	0.56%	1
Launceston	11.67%	21
Hobart	5.56%	10
Scottsdale	0.56%	1
Winnleah	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	1.67%	3
Total Respondents: 180		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Online	7/17/2023 12:00 PM
2	online UTAS	7/16/2023 10:48 AM
3	No children	7/15/2023 8:48 AM

Q13 Where do you and your family do your big grocery shop? (You can select more than one)

Answered: 180 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
St Helens	69.44% 125
St Marys	18.89% 34
Bicheno	3.33% 6
Swansea	1.67% 3
Triabunna	0.56% 1
Launceston	43.33% 78
Hobart	11.11% 20
Scottsdale	6.11% 11
Bridport	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	5.56% 10
Total Respondents: 180	

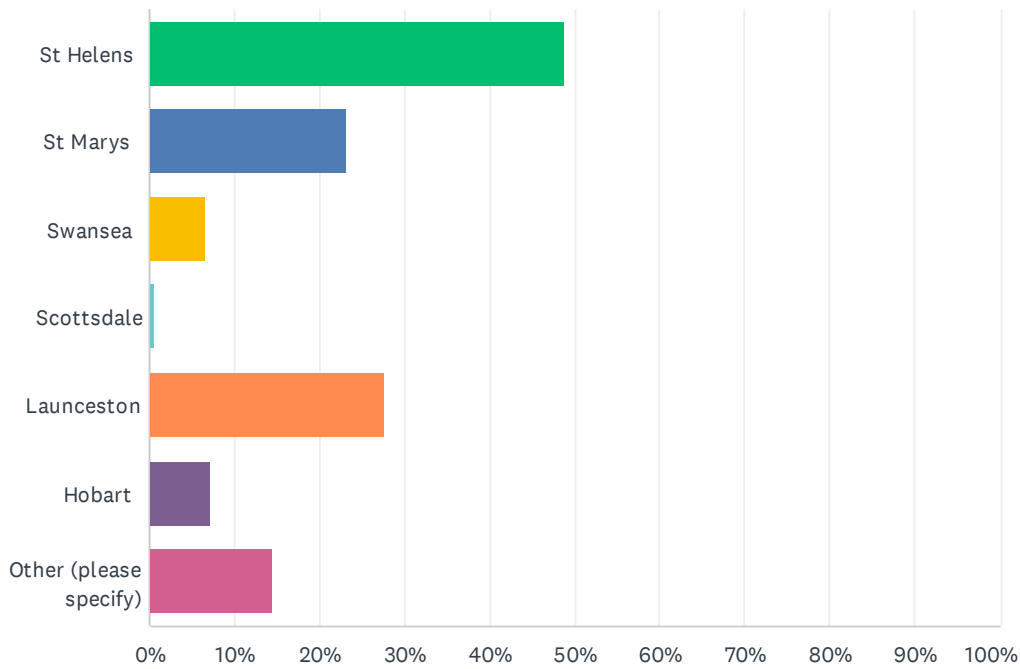
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1	Seven Hills	7/21/2023 4:42 PM
2	Devonport	7/16/2023 5:30 PM
3	Singleton	7/16/2023 2:11 PM
4	Sorell	7/16/2023 10:48 AM
5	Sorell	7/15/2023 6:31 PM
6	Devonport	7/15/2023 11:31 AM
7	LAUNCESTON	7/15/2023 7:24 AM
8	Scamander supermarket	7/13/2023 10:48 PM
9	P	7/13/2023 1:50 PM
10	Delivery from St Helens regularly and sometimes from Hill St Hobart	7/13/2023 8:49 AM

Q14 Where do you go to the Doctor?(You can select more than one)

Answered: 180 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
St Helens	48.89% 88
St Marys	23.33% 42
Swansea	6.67% 12
Scottsdale	0.56% 1
Launceston	27.78% 50
Hobart	7.22% 13
Other (please specify)	14.44% 26
Total Respondents: 180	

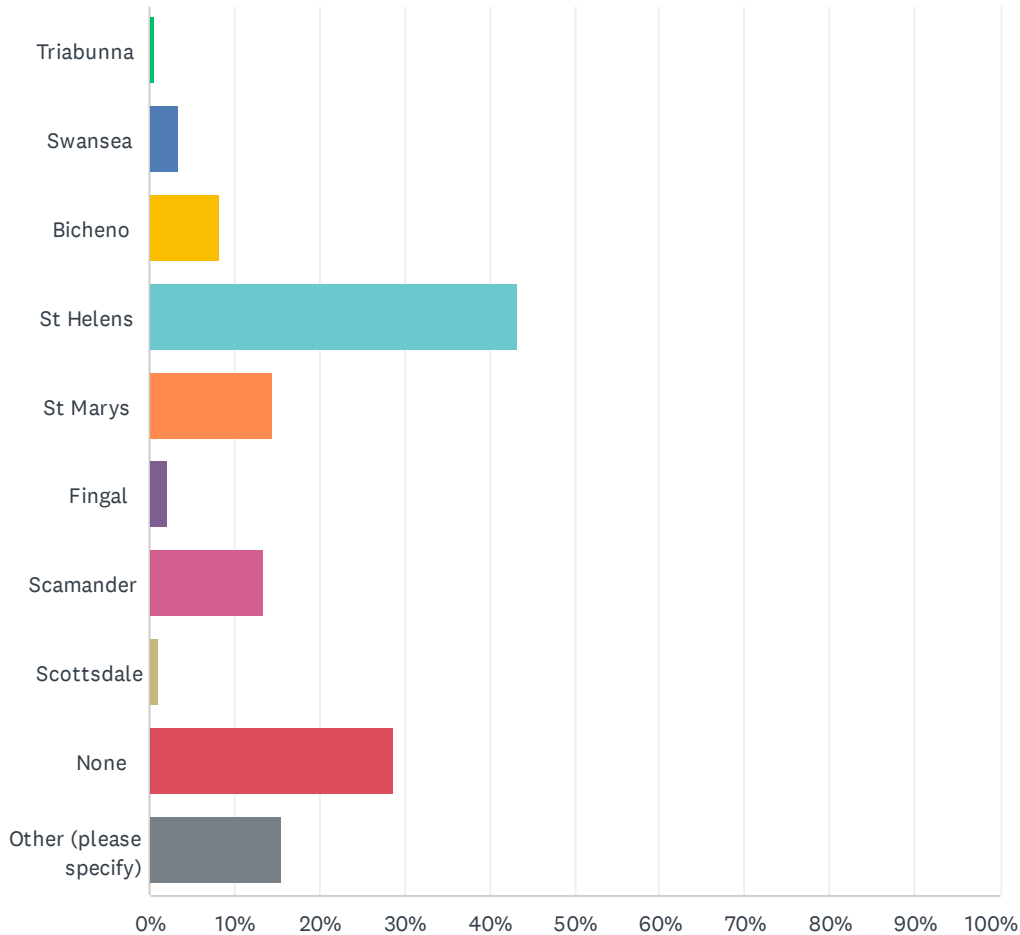
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1	Not Provided	7/25/2023 5:51 PM
2	Bicheno	7/25/2023 11:32 AM
3	Seven Hills	7/21/2023 4:42 PM
4	Cape Barren Island	7/20/2023 7:14 PM
5	Coolum Beach	7/19/2023 10:31 AM
6	Bicheno	7/17/2023 4:18 PM
7	dont attend	7/17/2023 9:56 AM
8	Bicheno	7/17/2023 1:06 AM
9	Bicheno	7/16/2023 6:03 PM
10	Bicheno	7/16/2023 5:47 PM

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11	Devonport	7/16/2023 5:30 PM
12	Bicheno	7/16/2023 4:32 PM
13	Bicheno	7/16/2023 4:30 PM
14	Singleton	7/16/2023 2:11 PM
15	Sydney	7/16/2023 2:03 PM
16	Haven't needed this service yet	7/16/2023 12:51 PM
17	Sorell	7/15/2023 6:31 PM
18	Bicheno	7/15/2023 3:52 PM
19	Ulverstone	7/15/2023 11:31 AM
20	Lillydale	7/15/2023 10:33 AM
21	Bicheno	7/15/2023 10:00 AM
22	Bicheno	7/15/2023 6:28 AM
23	Brisbane	7/15/2023 4:59 AM
24	Bicheno	7/14/2023 4:28 PM
25	Longford	7/13/2023 1:58 PM
26	Longford	7/13/2023 1:40 PM

Q15 Where do you access recreational activities. For example are you part of a sports club and if so, where are they based?(You can select more than one)

Answered: 180 Skipped: 15



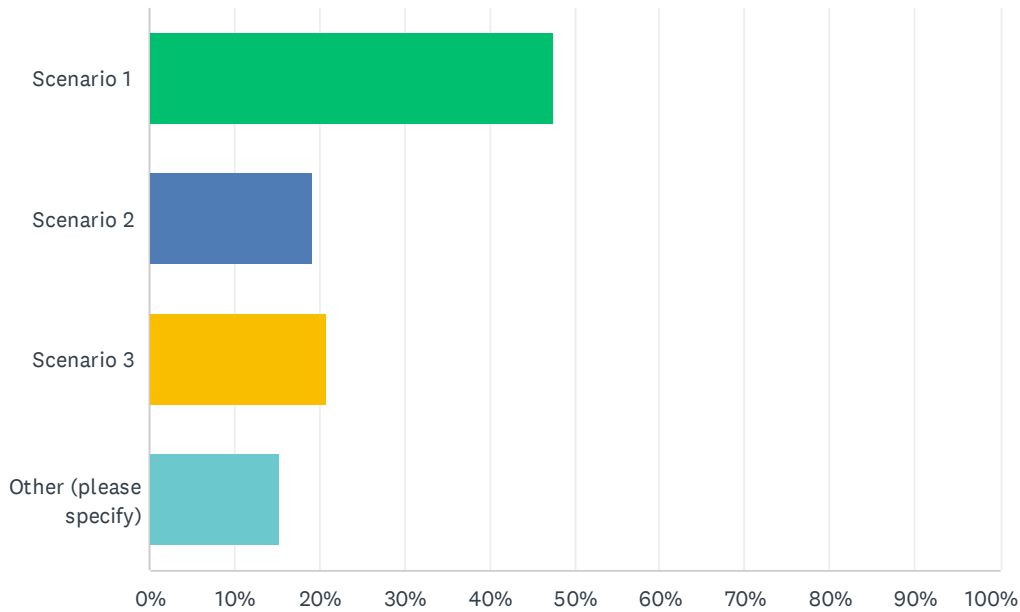
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Triabunna	0.56% 1
Swansea	3.33% 6
Bicheno	8.33% 15
St Helens	43.33% 78
St Marys	14.44% 26
Fingal	2.22% 4
Scamander	13.33% 24
Scottsdale	1.11% 2
None	28.89% 52
Other (please specify)	15.56% 28
Total Respondents: 180	

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Sydney	7/21/2023 4:42 PM
2	Launceston	7/19/2023 2:58 AM
3	Mathinna	7/18/2023 9:32 PM
4	Launceston	7/16/2023 6:31 PM
5	Bicheno	7/16/2023 4:30 PM
6	NSW	7/16/2023 2:11 PM
7	Binalong Bay	7/16/2023 2:03 PM
8	Derby	7/16/2023 12:51 PM
9	Surfing- entire coast	7/16/2023 7:03 AM
10	Devonport	7/15/2023 11:31 AM
11	Don't play sport	7/15/2023 8:48 AM
12	Brisbane	7/15/2023 4:59 AM
13	Pyengana	7/14/2023 7:47 PM
14	Hobart	7/14/2023 6:50 PM
15	N/A	7/14/2023 4:28 PM
16	No I am anti-social	7/14/2023 4:06 PM
17	Statewide	7/14/2023 8:16 AM
18	Launceston	7/13/2023 10:48 PM
19	Launceston	7/13/2023 8:51 PM
20	Falmouth	7/13/2023 5:49 PM
21	Mathinna	7/13/2023 5:33 PM
22	Falmouth	7/13/2023 4:29 PM
23	Four mile creek	7/13/2023 3:25 PM
24	Fishing StHelens	7/13/2023 1:58 PM
25	Hobart	7/13/2023 1:50 PM
26	There is nothing in Coles Bay as there are no facilities. Also I go to the doctors in Bicheno. The doctor used to come fortnightly to Coles Bay and I used to use that. You do not have this as an option.	7/13/2023 8:49 AM
27	Launceston	7/11/2023 9:23 AM
28	Nil	7/3/2023 9:48 PM

Q16 Which of the above three scenarios do you think would have the most benefit?

Answered: 162 Skipped: 33



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Scenario 1	47.53% 77
Scenario 2	19.14% 31
Scenario 3	20.99% 34
Other (please specify)	15.43% 25
Total Respondents: 162	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Leave it as it is	7/27/2023 10:55 AM
2	Keep it as it is	7/26/2023 12:43 PM
3	Which ever scenario runs council at a lower cost to the resident. After running a fair and just election where all are equally not just the big boys club dominating and making jobs for the 'boys club' so to speak.	7/25/2023 5:58 PM
4	I have no idea - what are the benefits being proposed by each scenario	7/23/2023 6:43 PM
5	Depending on how independent Flinders Island is, I think it would be best to keep them all together under one Council to save costs and facilitate economies of scale. If Flinders Island can manage independently, without subsidy, then it should be up to the people living on Flinders, as they will know how well they have been served by their Council and if they would prefer to be part of a bigger Council (with, presumably more resources).	7/21/2023 5:07 PM
6	See Q17	7/21/2023 10:09 AM
7	An East Coast Council would be a better option	7/19/2023 3:58 PM
8	Bicheno & Coles Bay joining Break o day	7/17/2023 4:22 PM
9	none	7/17/2023 10:56 AM
10	None	7/17/2023 8:15 AM

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11	No change	7/16/2023 4:16 PM
12	No idea how to answer as have no idea what differences it would make , a lot more info is needed before people choose ? Who would be in actual control of all the areas ?	7/16/2023 3:09 PM
13	Inc coles bay and potential Swansea if viable	7/15/2023 3:57 PM
14	As is but include Bicheno, Coles Bay, Swanseait	7/15/2023 10:41 AM
15	Unsure	7/15/2023 10:04 AM
16	Scenario 2 if that means adding Bicheno and including Dorset	7/15/2023 9:02 AM
17	A	7/15/2023 8:53 AM
18	BOD and GSBC amalgamate	7/15/2023 7:40 AM
19	Glamorgan is the oldest rural municipality in Australia. It would be great to see it retained. So perhaps Glamorgan could amalgamate with Break O'Day. Note that the inclusion of Spring Bay is optional	7/14/2023 6:21 PM
20	Include Coles Bay	7/14/2023 11:32 AM
21	Existing BODC area and existing GSB area - maybe a reduction in the southern extent	7/14/2023 11:03 AM
22	Need more info	7/13/2023 4:08 PM
23	Combine BOD with Glamorgan	7/12/2023 12:16 PM
24	Another option would be for BODC to go south not north eg to Swansea	7/10/2023 12:13 PM
25	The BODC if it is to change then it should be extended south- maybe to Swansea in line with our key industries - tourism & agriculture- wine industry	7/10/2023 11:00 AM

Q17 Why do you think your choice would be the best option?

Answered: 140 Skipped: 55

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It is working fine as it is	7/27/2023 10:55 AM
2	Smaller local council better	7/26/2023 8:56 PM
3	I think the current situation is fine I advocate no change	7/26/2023 8:36 PM
4	It's ok as is	7/26/2023 12:43 PM
5	Change isn't always the best option	7/26/2023 9:59 AM
6	Many people travel from Bicheno to st Helen's for shopping and services it makes sense they become part of bodc	7/25/2023 6:33 PM
7	Dorset increase their rate base but remain close proximity to Launceston. BOD extension minimal but takes in Bicheno rates/infrastructure. Both would be manageable areas for 1 office base.	7/25/2023 6:08 PM
8	Don't think any change is needed and this is the least change possible to pick	7/25/2023 1:08 PM
9	Fed up with GSBC, ever increasing rates, less services, untidy town, footpaths in disarray, roadside gutters full of sediment, the list is endless	7/25/2023 11:35 AM
10	Boundary is nearly at Bicheno now, so won't be a big change	7/25/2023 9:39 AM
11	Based on types of community	7/24/2023 9:29 PM
12	I am against amalgamation. Talk to Fingal council workers and see how they fared when they merged with St Helens. It never saves any money, nothing gets cheaper, and people lose their voice. This is the least worst option. I would prefer no change unless there is meaningful improvement for the population.	7/24/2023 3:32 PM
13	Tasmania has way too many councils for such a small state	7/23/2023 7:50 PM
14	?	7/23/2023 6:43 PM
15	Local	7/21/2023 6:23 PM
16	There is no apparent to consolidate. Bicheno is the closest town to me other than st marys.	7/21/2023 6:01 PM
17	In general, bigger Councils have more resources (and more sources of income) and can do more for their residents (provide services, build and maintain infrastructure). There may, however, be pitfalls (moneypits) in particular areas, that are very expensive to correct or maintain. There are things Council might not want to be responsible for (or might need State government to assist). There might be other things that are moneypots (like the bay of fires), which are great tourism - generating assets. The income can benefit other areas which mightn't receive the same volume of visitors.	7/21/2023 5:07 PM
18	Having to many areas under one thing will create huge mistakes in road repares, schooling/education, healthcare and so many things as we struggle with that now. Also the mainland needs to stop trying to take away the small independents we do have. They keep taking everything we have and leaving us with nothing. They take away parts if our education making our children move away, they take away our work opportunities taking our jobs away and they even take our farming products and make us pay to get it back. It's not fair.	7/21/2023 1:32 PM
19	Less Councils to deal with	7/21/2023 11:21 AM
20	- provide a streamlined, consistent service, particularly along the coast - not too large an area to lose the personal touch	7/21/2023 10:09 AM
21	So we don't lose our own services and our rate money are not spent in other areas	7/20/2023 7:20 PM
22	Suit me and most friends in this area	7/20/2023 2:33 PM
23	Better community progress in regards to building facilities for young and old, better road upkeep and town maintenance issues could be resolved faster and without hassle	7/20/2023 1:40 PM

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24	Logical	7/20/2023 9:26 AM
25	The East and North East have significantly different needs, industries and the main centres are geographically distant. However incorporating George Town and Bicheno regions into the current councils makes sense.	7/20/2023 6:59 AM
26	Small islands require specialist management & support N/E has similar needs for management & support	7/19/2023 6:29 PM
27	Can get more professional management. Break o Day is failing its people.	7/19/2023 6:21 PM
28	The East Coast communities are more connected and far more in common. Rather than being linked to the Northern region we should be able to plan for the future with a focus on our own coastal communities. The East Coast has it's own character, it's own challenges and so much opportunity if our efforts and desires can be bought together.	7/19/2023 3:58 PM
29	More convenient for administration	7/19/2023 2:05 PM
30	Well Balanced	7/19/2023 1:52 PM
31	Break O Day taking over Glaymorgan Spring Bay at least to Coles Bay as we are all connected by geography on the east coast with coastal solutions for coastal issues.	7/19/2023 1:31 PM
32	B & C have little in common to our area. Scottsdale is farming and Launceston centric while Flinders is isolated	7/19/2023 11:51 AM
33	We're such small communities this would find most economic benefit across admin etc	7/19/2023 3:03 AM
34	Its important as an area to work to promote the area as a whole, various municipalities work only for their area, rather than the whole east coast.	7/18/2023 9:36 PM
35	Perhaps being smaller we will get more done in our community! Although I guess the findings will be less so it's a catch 2	7/18/2023 2:23 PM
36	There is already good council info structure in Break O Day and if the centre were to established in Scottsdale for example it would mean a hell of a lot of travel for people from the coast	7/18/2023 11:01 AM
37	Would like to see Bicheno and coles bay join break o day	7/18/2023 10:11 AM
38	Help Bicheno get better service than with existing council	7/17/2023 4:22 PM
39	I don't know about the best option but out of the 3 provided scenarios I believe this to be of the most benefit as far as amalgamations are concerned.	7/17/2023 3:33 PM
40	Keeping mainland coastal communities together.	7/17/2023 3:14 PM
41	More locsl	7/17/2023 12:59 PM
42	Costing	7/17/2023 12:01 PM
43	only option	7/17/2023 11:09 AM
44	Bring Swansea, Coles Bay and Bicheno all with BOD. The Old Glamorgan Council - oldest Council in Australia - lets keep it . Just drop Spring Bay	7/17/2023 10:56 AM
45	Allows geographic connection. Other scenarios are too large and distances between major towns too great for local govt	7/17/2023 10:08 AM
46	too many councils in this state	7/17/2023 9:58 AM
47	To maintain the boundary as close as to it's current location.	7/17/2023 8:41 AM
48	I think Break I Day should remain the same. Already a huge council area. No benefit in becoming larger.	7/17/2023 8:15 AM
49	Very large areas all with diverse needs, so best to keep them separate	7/17/2023 5:21 AM
50	I would support all and any amalgamation. I understand Flinders may want to remain seperate and I would also be ok with that or finding a way to ensure that could be maintained. Could the larger council always have two representatives from the islands.	7/16/2023 6:34 PM
51	Keep it local	7/16/2023 6:06 PM
52	Greater north Eastern council hopefully would be best, bring the mountain bike trails to the rest of the coast.	7/16/2023 5:52 PM
53	Because our current council does very little for our town compared to Triabunna.	7/16/2023 4:37 PM

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54	Current Council situation ie GSBC does not benefit Bicheno residents	7/16/2023 4:32 PM
55	The current council struggles to satisfactorily meet the needs of everyone in the area. Further distancing would be disastrous	7/16/2023 4:16 PM
56	I can't choose as not clear to what difference it would make to us as potential full time residents at Ansons Bay in our future for retirement ?	7/16/2023 3:09 PM
57	The cost of services to Flinders Island appears a significant burden to remaining residents of the other LGA.	7/16/2023 2:05 PM
58	Less councils than currently but areas are not too large as to lose the local identity	7/16/2023 12:57 PM
59	Makes sense because its right next door.	7/16/2023 12:26 PM
60	Bicheno is my focus as it's my home. We're currently remote from central GSBC, and this will continue with option 1&3 above.	7/16/2023 10:52 AM
61	Population have more in common	7/16/2023 10:29 AM
62	Lived in small council areas in the past that worked much better when amalgamated into larger councils.	7/16/2023 10:06 AM
63	One point of contact, less admin, clearer channels of communication, hopefully more value for resources.	7/15/2023 9:21 PM
64	We don't need so many councils in the north east but Flinders does have its own unique circumstances	7/15/2023 9:07 PM
65	I don't think bodc can manage it all	7/15/2023 8:36 PM
66	Due to the differences of each area and their needs.	7/15/2023 7:38 PM
67	Break O'Day council is seriously one of the best I have lived in and I do not want it to change.	7/15/2023 5:31 PM
68	Other ones include too much ground and we have little in common with other areas especially Flinders Island	7/15/2023 5:11 PM
69	Manageable size, natural synergies tourism, fishing, viticulture, sport schools.	7/15/2023 3:57 PM
70	Greater consistency across the north east.	7/15/2023 2:23 PM
71	The reduction of the number of councils would help to reduce costs by the sharing of administrative duties	7/15/2023 1:54 PM
72	Cause I'm for removing duplication of services and bureaucracy	7/15/2023 1:47 PM
73	Best choice of the 3	7/15/2023 12:07 PM
74	We have too many individual councils and it is not sustainable	7/15/2023 11:45 AM
75	Flinders requires additional funding	7/15/2023 11:32 AM
76	Too large would not work well. Dorset manage better than Break O Day. Better infrastructure, roads etc.	7/15/2023 11:09 AM
77	It encompasses the East and Northeast coast of Tasmania which are all very similar in needs, population densities and easily accessed.	7/15/2023 10:41 AM
78	The existing setup offers very poor support to any community outside of the major towns ie- hillwood (gt council) and ansons bay (breakoday) more than happy to give more feed back and examples of this	7/15/2023 10:37 AM
79	If amalgamations must happen it just looks like a sensible geographic choice, a total Northeast council.	7/15/2023 9:38 AM
80	Too many councils and makes sense to combine some. Doesn't need to be all about who goes where for services it can be about adjacency and similarities too. Dorset and break o'day have mountainbiking tourism in common to leverage from and similar socio-economic structures of dispersed populations with very wealthy and very poor. Bicheno kids come to school in st marys and residents share lots of similar lifestyles and tourism ventures to coastal locations in break o'day.	7/15/2023 9:02 AM
81	The boundaries are not expansive enough	7/15/2023 8:53 AM
82	A Greater East Coast Regional Council makes sense	7/15/2023 7:40 AM

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83	More focussed on the needs of the area	7/15/2023 7:29 AM
84	Bicheno aligns more naturally with Break o Day in terms of interests, culture ,education and Northern Tasmanian association and service providers. I do feel Coles Bay should be included in this option beachside of their close links with Bicheno.	7/15/2023 6:35 AM
85	Each area has a concentrated integrated community & populace	7/15/2023 5:05 AM
86	Area and population size seem about right.	7/14/2023 11:56 PM
87	I am concerned that if we merged with Dorset council services in this area of the coast would decline. Also Flinders Island is a special place with its own unique needs that the residents needs to manage for their benefit.	7/14/2023 11:50 PM
88	Save money and become all NE local government area.	7/14/2023 9:29 PM
89	Leave as is	7/14/2023 8:12 PM
90	I think it provides an increase in efficiency but acknowledges the size and diversity of the individual areas	7/14/2023 7:54 PM
91	Area in options 2&3 is large and remote and thus difficult for council to adequately service. Flinders Is. should be a special area on its own.. maybe affiliated with one of the other NE councils.	7/14/2023 6:53 PM
92	I think that a Greater East Coast council would make sense in terms of shared industry, tourism, east coast location etc.	7/14/2023 6:21 PM
93	Size	7/14/2023 5:48 PM
94	Less people, closer to North East area	7/14/2023 5:22 PM
95	Council works well in current area.	7/14/2023 4:08 PM
96	Pool resources and less Councillors hence less expenses.	7/14/2023 4:08 PM
97	Tasmania is way too small and does not have the population OR income to maintain a large number of LGA's. The least number of LGA' the better we rate payers will be.	7/14/2023 1:05 PM
98	Keep Break O'Day separate to Dorsey as we have no connection	7/14/2023 12:35 PM
99	Connection and minimal impact on service delivery	7/14/2023 11:32 AM
100	It aligns with an east coast community and provides opportunities for increased brand development based on great eastern drive. Aligns main industry of tourism and allows greater management of natural environment, scenic/visual, economic development and growth; reflects a connected coastal community, coordinated approach to constraints, opportunity through brand to promote an entrepreneurial environment to attract younger demographic based on opportunities within a dynamic coastal environment etc	7/14/2023 11:03 AM
101	I think that including Georgetown is not realistic ... the area covered in scenario 3 doesn't look disjointed	7/14/2023 10:45 AM
102	I believe that reducing to less than 3 municipalities will stretch resources too thinly and increase the cost of service delivery. Increased operating costs will then rely on increasing rates at an already difficult time for households.	7/14/2023 10:35 AM
103	Because 2 and 3 would result in areas that would be too vast to manage effectively	7/14/2023 10:29 AM
104	Other areas are too big for one council to manage.	7/14/2023 9:07 AM
105	Hopefully we will have a greater pool of community minded intelligent people to stand for council less parochialism and able to pay them a worthy fee All areas need to be represented and included however whoever is elected	7/14/2023 8:23 AM
106	More specific to each area's need.	7/14/2023 8:08 AM
107	I believe joining councils and having one catchment area that encompasses George Town, Derby and St Helens MTB networks would benefit the MTB industry and the trails in general. Operating individually and believing we are competing with each other does not make sense. Being able to market the 3 MTB destinations together and pooling resources and infrastructure makes sense.	7/14/2023 8:03 AM
108	Less revenue but a smaller area to manage	7/14/2023 7:47 AM
109	Flinders island has very different needs to the mainland of tasmania. Combining break O'Day Dorset and Georgetown (including bicheno) would provide economic savings	7/13/2023 9:41 PM

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regarding staffing and resourcing. The social determinants of health are similar across these three areas and coordination of resources would be synergistic.

110	Economies of scale. Uniformity of regulations. Greater rating base.	7/13/2023 9:16 PM
111	The community in Bicheno and surrounds come to break o day as well as break o day go down there. Already connected with the area. Similar tourism in the area.	7/13/2023 8:44 PM
112	Keep Flinders .	7/13/2023 5:55 PM
113	Bicheno would be a good option for BOD	7/13/2023 5:40 PM
114	Flinders Is is different and the others should amalgamate with the aim of saving costs	7/13/2023 5:36 PM
115	Keep it local	7/13/2023 5:03 PM
116	Compact.	7/13/2023 4:51 PM
117	We have too many councils, causing fraction, lack of focus and poor operation as a commercial enterprise.	7/13/2023 4:24 PM
118	Without understanding what functions your are trying to consolidate it is difficult to say which geographical split is appropriate.	7/13/2023 4:08 PM
119	These areas are the most closely linked	7/13/2023 3:26 PM
120	Councils that cover large areas dilute services to the community and are of no benefit to residents. Scenario 1 retains the smaller council boundaries and is the best option to deliver services to small towns like St Marys.	7/13/2023 3:21 PM
121	Sufficient services to go around - I live in one of the smaller towns and sometimes we already find it difficult to get things done. If capability was spread more thinly, we would likely have less services (than say, St Helens).	7/13/2023 2:58 PM
122	Both councils are very similar with the needs of residents and the communities including fishing, shack owners, visiting holiday makers and tourists which merge on the towns in holiday seasons and then they remain quiet at other times.	7/13/2023 2:09 PM
123	Tasmania has far too many councils. It makes sense to make one council covering all of the North East including Flinders Island. Leaving Flinders out would be against the spirit of amalgamating small councils. There are many savings to be made with larger councils.	7/13/2023 1:58 PM
124	Flinders Island is a special case!	7/13/2023 1:43 PM
125	Because Dorset is a more efficient and progressive council.	7/13/2023 11:35 AM
126	Too big a local government area is too unwieldy so some of the smaller townships get overlooked too often.	7/13/2023 11:19 AM
127	Flinders should be independent in my opinion. However I am not sure that the model will work.	7/13/2023 8:52 AM
128	St Marys Is already left out. We get 2 dirt road upgraded annually. Other than that my address gets no services. No water, No bin pickup, no sealed roads. There isn't signage on dangerous covers or mirrors to show oncoming traffic. I was hit by a tourist on a hairpin corner and my car was written off. Council don't even trim or drop dangerous trees that lean or hang over the road that will be a death trap in a fire. Meanwhile st helens have brand new street sweepers that clean a few stray leaves from their perfect curve gutters. In my opinion a smaller council reach will mean more funds can be funnelled into actually bringing st marys up to the same level of upgrade that st helens has seen in recent years.	7/13/2023 8:31 AM
129	Local government knows local environmental issues, and small communities need to retain jobs and community activities	7/12/2023 4:01 PM
130	Not enough people in the region	7/12/2023 3:46 PM
131	Stop in-house local organised grooming and continual corruption	7/12/2023 1:02 PM
132	Different needs require different councils. Different industries and cultures in coastal, inland and island.	7/12/2023 8:44 AM
133	The others are way to far away and large...the further away from the Council offices the harder it is to feel you are part of the Council	7/11/2023 3:45 PM
134	More access to services and finding	7/11/2023 9:24 AM
135	Greater synergies with the East Coast rather than the North East - particularly in relation to	7/10/2023 12:13 PM

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tourism, types of agriculture and people tend to travel south not north. Or leave is but with Bicheno

136	Local service delivery, local representation should. I've experienced council amalgamation previously in NSW they failed the communities dramatically and then had to go through a further process to split the mega council at enormous expense to community and councils.	7/10/2023 12:03 PM
137	It aligns with the Great Eastern Drive, greater synergies with the way people travel, go to school etc	7/10/2023 11:00 AM
138	Because its the best	7/8/2023 2:12 PM
139	Smaller local government areas are not able to provide facilities and infrastructure expected by their ratepayers.	7/8/2023 1:51 PM
140	Scenario 3 faces significant challenges on the location of and access to the administrative and service centre/s for the Council - leading to questions including understanding of, engagement with, distribution of and access to services and resources; location of Council meetings (in the absence of an existing suitable room of sufficient size and in an environment of intermittent communication networks); willingness of residents to stand for (non-salaried) roles as Councillor, Mayor, and Deputy Mayor requiring significant work at a distance from their home or work; access to a pool of suitable staff to provide Council services; number of elected Councillors in the new Council and hence level of representation for residents and resident groups; effect on service and access of geographic features within the area; community cultures of loss during and following the transition; approaching duplication in size with State and Federal electoral boundaries; increased disparity within the Council catchment area, and hence greater effort to identify and address the service needs of 'minority' production, business, recreation and social groups. Scenario 2 also faces these challenges, some to a lesser extent.	7/7/2023 2:45 PM

Q18 Are there any other options that you would like us to consider in terms of boundary adjustments?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	7/26/2023 8:56 PM
2	I think that Break O Day council has already have too large and area and cannot adequately service the existing townships. I don not want larger council areas	7/26/2023 8:36 PM
3	Na	7/26/2023 9:59 AM
4	Maybe Avoca as well	7/25/2023 6:33 PM
5	BOD boundary extends to take in Bicheno and Coles Bay. Rates income from Coles Bay should be favourable.	7/25/2023 6:08 PM
6	Don't change anything	7/25/2023 1:08 PM
7	No	7/25/2023 9:39 AM
8	Leave things the way they are. Where are the benefits to the population, not the bean counters, to any proposed changes.	7/24/2023 3:32 PM
9	Merge with Lcc, MVC, and Nmc to create just three councils for Tasmania total . North/north east, north west/west coast and south/south east	7/23/2023 7:50 PM
10	?	7/23/2023 6:43 PM
11	See that fingal get more as people have to travel through here to get to the coast	7/21/2023 6:23 PM
12	Not doing anything. Even the Premier has backed off forced amalgamation	7/21/2023 6:01 PM
13	If there where to be ANY changes it should be the factor of making one more council are so that the council has a smaller area to allow them to more accurately assess the roads, education, healthcare and housing needs I.e. emergency housing, homeless/struggler support, shelters and even stuff to help keep a family warm in winter.	7/21/2023 1:32 PM
14	amalgamate with Glamorgan spring bay	7/21/2023 11:21 AM
15	Consider Scenario 1 extending from Cape Portland in the North to Bicheno in the South (boundary including Gladstone, Herrick, Weldborough, etc.)	7/21/2023 10:09 AM
16	No	7/20/2023 7:20 PM
17	No	7/20/2023 2:33 PM
18	No	7/20/2023 1:40 PM
19	Scenario 2 next best	7/20/2023 9:26 AM
20	No	7/19/2023 6:21 PM
21	An East Coast Council should extend from the NE tip of the East Coast to Orford in the South. It should also take in the Fingal Valley through to the Conara junction with the current Northern Midlands boundary that slices through to near the east coast removed and adjusted in to the East Coast Council boundary.	7/19/2023 3:58 PM
22	No	7/19/2023 2:05 PM
23	St Helens down to Coles Bay	7/19/2023 1:31 PM
24	BODC should extend down to Triabunna to encompass the whole of the East coast. Similar rate base and economic ties.	7/19/2023 11:51 AM
25	Dorset + Flinders / Break O'Day + Glamorgan Spring Bay	7/19/2023 3:03 AM
26	Add coles bay	7/18/2023 10:11 AM
27	Yes, looking at the souther boundary encompassing part of Glamorgan/Spring Bay, possibly as far south as Bicheno/Freycinet?	7/17/2023 3:33 PM

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28	Amalgamating with Spring Bay/Glamorgan	7/17/2023 3:14 PM
29	No	7/17/2023 12:01 PM
30	no	7/17/2023 11:09 AM
31	Keep Glamorgan, Lots of developments happening, lots of \$value, a lot of Aibnbs = lots of rates if charged as commercial in the future (like Hobart). A value adding partnership	7/17/2023 10:56 AM
32	Agree with amalgamations but there needs to be cultural connections.	7/17/2023 10:08 AM
33	efficiency in practise and budget	7/17/2023 9:58 AM
34	Just a thought... St Marys & Fingal amalgamate with Northern Midlands ?????	7/17/2023 8:15 AM
35	No	7/17/2023 5:21 AM
36	2 option including bicheno and Coles Bay.	7/16/2023 6:06 PM
37	Map is hard to see, Cherry Tree Hill has been mentioned previously as southern boundary this would be great.	7/16/2023 4:37 PM
38	No I would welcome consultation re amalgamation with Break a Day Council or an East Coast Council	7/16/2023 4:32 PM
39	No	7/16/2023 4:16 PM
40	More info to households on the reasons these changes are going to benefit us as property owners	7/16/2023 3:09 PM
41	Go further south to Coles Bay	7/16/2023 2:05 PM
42	No although possibly Flinders Islands should be amalgamated with other island councils who have similar issues and peculiarities as doesn't seem cost effective to have them by themselves	7/16/2023 12:57 PM
43	the proximity and similarity of Bicheno and Coles Bay urges me to promote they should stay together.	7/16/2023 10:52 AM
44	Consider an east coast council. Dorset, nod and spring bay-Glamorgan. Has this been considered? More sensible that including Georgetown and flinders island	7/16/2023 10:29 AM
45	The bigger the better as leads to more resources and proportionality less bureaucracy.	7/16/2023 10:06 AM
46	I think having less individual councils (I'm not implying less staff or even less offices) is a good thing to allow for a more streamlined process. 29 different councils is way to many.	7/15/2023 9:21 PM
47	Adding flinders in as part of the entire north east	7/15/2023 9:07 PM
48	No	7/15/2023 7:38 PM
49	If B O'D could be kept I'm open to think again.	7/15/2023 5:31 PM
50	No	7/15/2023 5:11 PM
51	Please don't fail in bring reform to local government	7/15/2023 3:57 PM
52	No	7/15/2023 2:23 PM
53	Total removal of all councils in Tas as the inefficiencies of this level of government is obvious mainland has many shires lager in population and area then Tas	7/15/2023 1:47 PM
54	Break o,day. Glamorgan	7/15/2023 12:07 PM
55	No	7/15/2023 11:45 AM
56	No	7/15/2023 11:09 AM
57	No	7/15/2023 10:41 AM
58	Southern boundary change to Cherry Tree Hill to incorporate Bicheno, Swanwick and Coles by into B.O.D.	7/15/2023 10:04 AM
59	The other obvious or best choice would be to amalgamate BODC and Glamorgan/Spring Bay to form the best geographically located council in Tasmania, the place to be.	7/15/2023 9:38 AM
60	It's hard to say as not clear about what changing boundaries will actually mean for everyone. All the things that council do would still need to be done. Seems like elected members would have more to do if there's less of them. I wonder if that is feasible?	7/15/2023 9:02 AM

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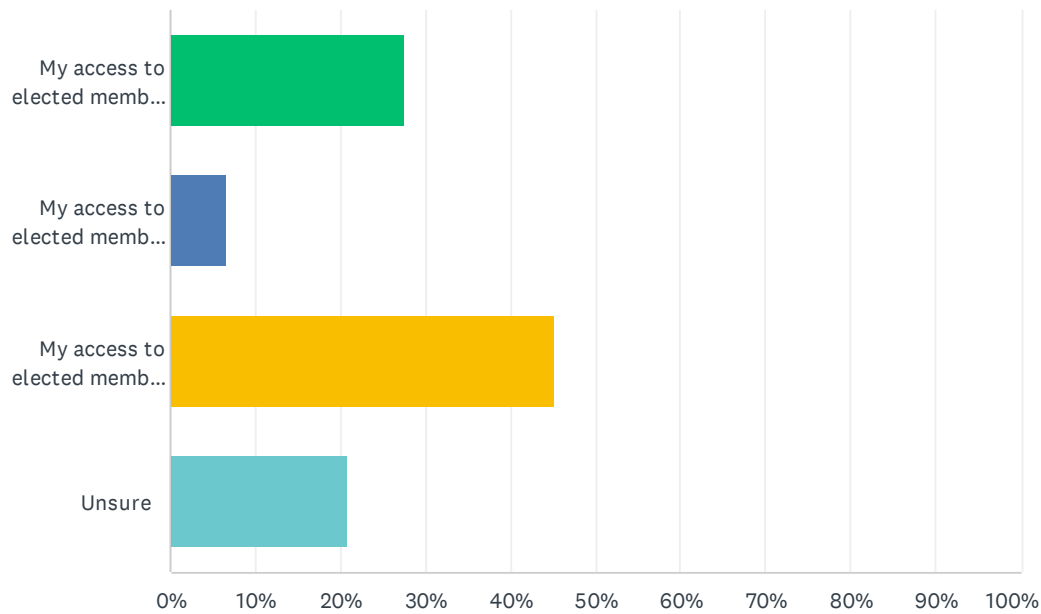
61	East Coast Council covering Orford to St Helens with central council office and Service Tas outlets servicing other towns	7/15/2023 8:53 AM
62	See above	7/15/2023 7:40 AM
63	Need more info. First I have heard of this.	7/15/2023 7:29 AM
64	As above. Cherry Tree Hill or Lake Leake Hwy make a more sensible boundary.	7/15/2023 6:35 AM
65	Including down to Bicheno in BODC	7/15/2023 5:05 AM
66	No	7/14/2023 11:56 PM
67	I would be quite happy to have an 'East Coast Council' that covered from Musselroe to Swansea or even further. Coast needs are very different. Flinders Island could be included in this as long as they had fair representation and could be relatively autonomous...	7/14/2023 11:50 PM
68	No	7/14/2023 9:29 PM
69	No	7/14/2023 5:48 PM
70	No	7/14/2023 5:22 PM
71	No	7/14/2023 4:08 PM
72	No	7/14/2023 1:05 PM
73	BOD take in more of Glamorgan Spring Bay council	7/14/2023 12:35 PM
74	No	7/14/2023 11:03 AM
75	Merge Break O'Day with Glamorgan Spring Bay	7/14/2023 10:35 AM
76	Pyengana is a rural farming area that would be better served by Dorset rather than a coastal focused council	7/14/2023 8:23 AM
77	No	7/14/2023 8:08 AM
78	No	7/14/2023 8:03 AM
79	Include Bicheno in scenario 2	7/13/2023 9:41 PM
80	No	7/13/2023 9:16 PM
81	No	7/13/2023 8:44 PM
82	No	7/13/2023 5:40 PM
83	No	7/13/2023 5:03 PM
84	Could take in South Eastern council areas as well	7/13/2023 4:24 PM
85	See question 16	7/13/2023 4:08 PM
86	Leave the boundaries as they are!	7/13/2023 3:21 PM
87	If options 2 or 3 are selected, a community outreach office to service the Fingal valley (and potentially in other locations) would be helpful.	7/13/2023 2:58 PM
88	I personally believe that just 3 or 4 councils to cover the entire state would be adequate.	7/13/2023 1:58 PM
89	Yes, get rid of Break O'Day Council.	7/13/2023 11:35 AM
90	No	7/13/2023 11:19 AM
91	Adding in Coles Bay and Bicheno and maybe Swansea and the wine region between Cherry Tree and Swansea.	7/13/2023 8:52 AM
92	St marys is an up and coming town that has increased its numbers in recent years. No rentals are available and people are trying to build homes in this much loved community. Any option that would facilitate the influx and make it easier to build on your own property without all of break your heart odays restrictions and fees is in my opinion a better option. We are homeless due to the housing shortage. We are a family of 4 with 2 persons with disabilities. A faster turn around on building process and applications would mean we could be in or home and not living rough faster. If immalgamation quickens this process, I welcome it.	7/13/2023 8:31 AM
93	No	7/12/2023 4:01 PM

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94	Consider differences between land and sea communities	7/12/2023 3:46 PM
95	All North East down as far as Swansea	7/12/2023 12:16 PM
96	NO, JUST INCLUDING Bicheno would be the best.	7/11/2023 3:45 PM
97	Only to consider, if possible the inclusion of areas further south eg to Swansea....or stay as it is	7/10/2023 12:13 PM
98	Leaving things as they are So much money for an experiment	7/10/2023 12:03 PM
99	No	7/10/2023 11:00 AM
100	Provide a summary of the constraints, drivers or difficulties which have led to this review, and which will guide the identification of the solution when this is chosen. Require the resulting Local Governments to at least work to, if not adopt certification under, a quality management system such as AS/NZS ISO 9000 to guide overall performance and provide a sound base for consistent service delivery within regulatory frameworks.	7/7/2023 2:45 PM

Q19 If our Council area was to increase - how would it affect your access to your local councillors?

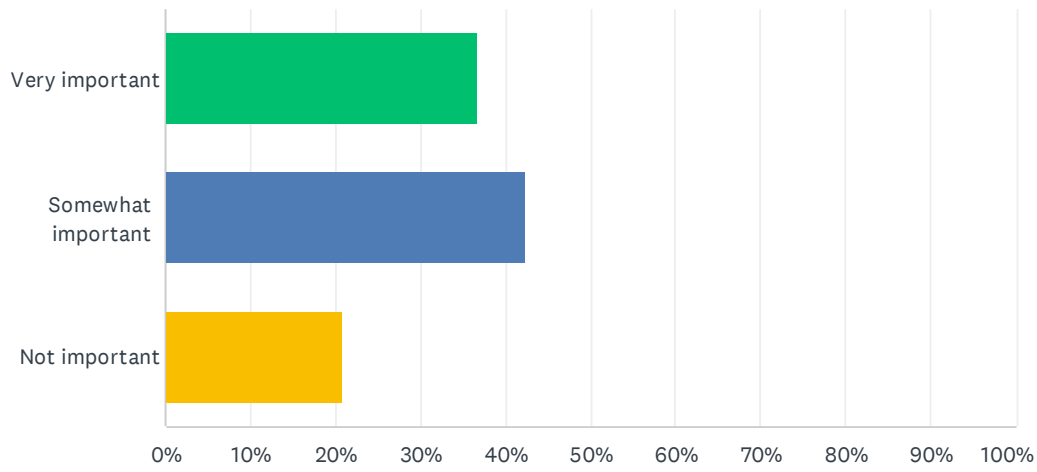
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
My access to elected members would be harder	27.45%	42
My access to elected members would be easier	6.54%	10
My access to elected members would remain the same	45.10%	69
Unsure	20.92%	32
TOTAL		153

Q20 How important to you is access to your local councillors?

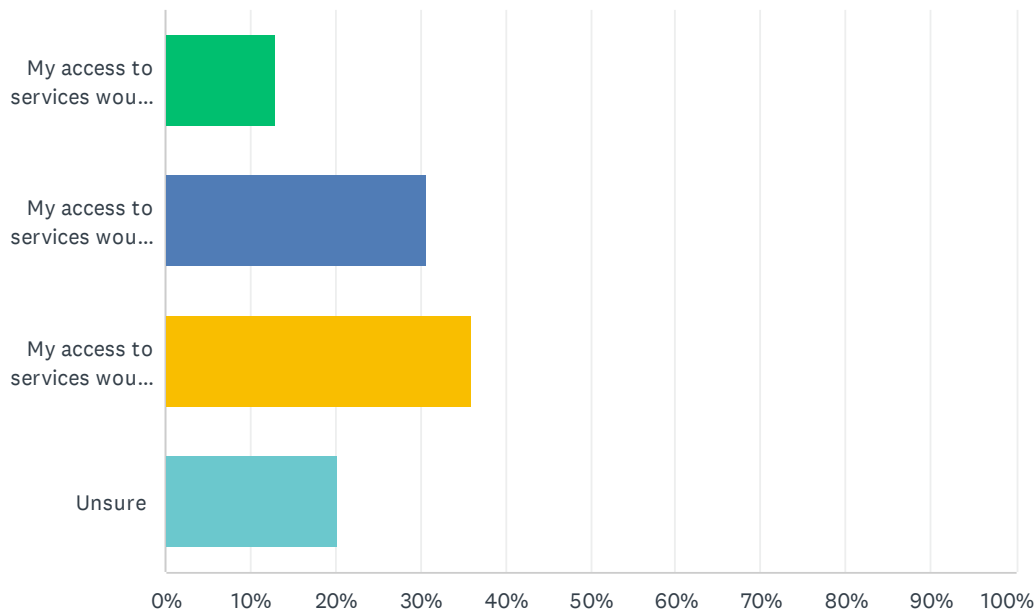
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	36.60%	56
Somewhat important	42.48%	65
Not important	20.92%	32
TOTAL		153

Q21 If we were to become a larger council area - how do you think this would affect your access to Council services?

Answered: 153 Skipped: 42



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
My access to services would be easier	13.07%	20
My access to services would be harder	30.72%	47
My access to services would remain the same	35.95%	55
Unsure	20.26%	31
TOTAL		153

Q22 Before you go, is there anything else you would like to say about Local Government reform or boundary adjustments?

Answered: 101 Skipped: 94

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Scenario 2 and 3 mean amalgamations, not boundary adjustments.	7/27/2023 10:55 AM
2	Don't make councils bigger. Need is for small connected local council and larger state and federal councils. If councils are made bigger then get rid of state govt	7/26/2023 8:57 PM
3	I wish to repeat my view that increasing council area is a mistake and would diminish the already poor services that outlying townships receive. I am against increasing the size of council areas	7/26/2023 8:39 PM
4	Na	7/26/2023 9:59 AM
5	Streamline works processes more sharing of resources Let the council take over and run the state coastal reserves remove them from Parks control	7/25/2023 6:38 PM
6	I would like to see a business case outlining pros and cons before any changes occur.	7/25/2023 6:08 PM
7	I think it is well known that our Council does as it pleases far to omuch control over what we do on our own lands even if it just a bush block with no services we are still charged for infrastructure waste? what a crime this is.	7/25/2023 6:00 PM
8	Don't change them. I fail to see any real advantages. I would be surprised if the people of Fungal still feel the amalgamation with Break O Day resulted in a better service to the town	7/25/2023 1:11 PM
9	Based on past experience, when councils merge, you lose services.	7/24/2023 3:33 PM
10	Just 3 councils only for our small state	7/23/2023 7:52 PM
11	Just wish the council would fix fingal issues like being able to get in and out of their own property before they look at upgrading other areas like Scamander and St Helens, think we get forgotten about alot	7/21/2023 6:26 PM
12	Would be great for BOD council to be in inspired by some great programs in other tassie councils, like dorsets free use of council halls for community groups	7/21/2023 6:06 PM
13	Whatever is chosen, it needs to be sustainable.	7/21/2023 5:09 PM
14	Being the the St. Helens area I may not get to badly effected, but with less council and more area it will get even harder for Tasmanians. I know mainlanders who are struggling from lack or council and governmental help in there council area because they have to drive 2+ hours for appointments that we can get to so easterly how it is now even in St. Helens.	7/21/2023 1:36 PM
15	I think that it is required there a too many	7/21/2023 11:22 AM
16	The potential savings from incorporating other council areas could provide better resources for staff and should be looked at in positive terms of how we could benefit rather than resisting change.	7/21/2023 10:29 AM
17	Why fix something that's broken	7/20/2023 7:22 PM
18	Maybe colesbay into breakaday as well	7/20/2023 2:35 PM
19	No	7/20/2023 1:40 PM
20	Yes we should reduce No of councils	7/20/2023 9:27 AM
21	Need more info on process and resourcing - will the existing councils be amalgamated or reviewed for role redundancy or role increased needs?	7/19/2023 6:32 PM
22	About time. Get rid of the break o day council	7/19/2023 6:22 PM
23	It's time for reform but it needs to have the community behind it for it to succeed.	7/19/2023 3:59 PM
24	I would like the right-of-way which divides my property, providing access to neighbouring properties, to be declared a public road	7/19/2023 2:09 PM

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25	In order to reduce waste and cost the number of councils need to reduce. Make a start	7/19/2023 1:53 PM
26	There would be little (if any) savings in salaries or allowances because officers would ask for higher wages with more responsibilities and the outside workforces would stay the same. The fewer councilors would qualify for higher allowances	7/19/2023 11:55 AM
27	I think a lot of work would need to be done first to establish better online facilities and portals - the current ones are SO hard to navigate. And an insane amount of work would have to go in to 'introducing' The communities to each other. And make every desicion with the mindset that just because we've always done it that way doesn't mean We can't change it. People are going to hate the change anyway, so make all the big changes with admin/works crews/locations etc at the same time - rip the Band-Aid off and get the pain done in one go. Make things vibrant, proactive, customer focused and easy to access - now is the opportunity to effect big change!!	7/19/2023 3:07 AM
28	For some travel to local council office would become more difficult.	7/18/2023 9:37 PM
29	Some years ago the Fingal Council was absorbed and became Break O Day based in St Helens I don't think there is a lot to be gained by further amalgamation over than to possibly have Bicheno became part of us as well	7/18/2023 11:03 AM
30	Bicheno seems to have fallen into nomad land with the current council. Bicheno needs a proactive council with strategic vision and goals. Break o day seems to be a much better fit for bicheno residents as we have closer educational and recreational ties.	7/18/2023 10:15 AM
31	Should commence amalgamations with the urban centres first as they have far more access to services than the regional areas.	7/17/2023 3:34 PM
32	No	7/17/2023 3:15 PM
33	No	7/17/2023 12:01 PM
34	Local representation feeding into a larger council via a Ward system of councillors so each town represented . Keep council expenditure = across all towns , that is fair.	7/17/2023 10:59 AM
35	Amalgamations allow for economies of scale, but can distance people in smaller communities from their Council, and elected representatives. Needs to be a balance between the two.	7/17/2023 10:10 AM
36	I would ask all councils and councillors to think of the people they represent and not their personal futures	7/17/2023 10:00 AM
37	More detail required to make an informed decision	7/17/2023 8:16 AM
38	I am unsure of the impact of a larger boundary area and the exact implications, I would like further details.	7/17/2023 5:24 AM
39	Access to council services in Bicheno is rubbish so any change would be good	7/16/2023 5:53 PM
40	There are far too many councils in Tasmania now. Councillors should hold public information and consultation meetings at least bi-monthly in each town in these Municipalities. Not all Councillors need to attend. Maybe the local Councillor and/or another Councillor or senior council staff member.	7/16/2023 4:46 PM
41	Business case has not been made out, or at least published. Given this state government's daily increasing reputation for obfuscation and dishonesty this is significant and concerning.	7/16/2023 2:07 PM
42	Hard to answer some of these questions because there is still too many unknowns.	7/16/2023 12:27 PM
43	Change is very difficult. Saving \$ must not be the end point for these decisions; rather, happiness/satisfaction of residents, Tasmania's unique (esp East Coast) natural values, and our industries of tourism and rural activity should be our valued endpoints.	7/16/2023 10:56 AM
44	Reform is needed. Too many jurisdictions for the population size and some efficiencies should be gained through a sensible expansion of LGA	7/16/2023 10:33 AM
45	The survey questions are biased towards a certain outcome.	7/16/2023 10:08 AM
46	I think Break O'Day Council need to support and encourage higher end planning and building applications far more than they currently do. Positive development in our region is a good thing and should be supported, not made more difficult to happen.	7/15/2023 9:25 PM
47	It needs to happen. It's ridiculous to have so many councils in Tasmania and economically it isn't viable. It also isn't viable in terms of attracting good staff. We need to move with the times.	7/15/2023 9:08 PM

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48	As a rate payer I expect our council to use our rates to make the best use of time and equipment. Maintaining and upgrading roads and public facilities - particularly toilets to a high standard. Proper Bicycle lanes on roads would be a great asset.	7/15/2023 7:48 PM
49	I think it is warranted in some areas but shouldn't be done just by drawing lines on maps. There has to be some benefit to ratepayers	7/15/2023 5:13 PM
50	Live and let live whatever.	7/15/2023 12:11 PM
51	No	7/15/2023 11:10 AM
52	The first part of the survey about boundaries should probably be the last thing to discuss. The first thing to discuss is how will amalgamations benefit the rate payer? The second should probably be what is the cost benefit to - the rate payer, the Government and last but not least the Council. If there are definite benefits then look at how amalgamations can be implemented.	7/15/2023 10:59 AM
53	Any changes can only be a good thing as I get very poor service for my rates money in two separate councils currently..	7/15/2023 10:39 AM
54	Live and let live	7/15/2023 9:41 AM
55	Tricky to answer these questions about elected members as someone who works in local government. I think the role of elected members needs to change so they are less burdened with micro managing decision making and are able to discuss high level strategic and aspirational directions of their community. This is why people vote for them and then the structure leaves little time for them to democratically influence and bring community voice to decision making. The voices of a few come to the surface.	7/15/2023 9:08 AM
56	The East Coast is a large area. All the towns have the same issues with lack of services and infrastructure and permanent ratepayers. Some councils get a large slice of the Federal grant pie and others less. One council to cover the entire East Coast, pool resources and infrastructure, change rating system to ensure maximum access to Federal Grants, reduce hierarchy positions and costs and prioritise the common issues up and down the coast	7/15/2023 8:57 AM
57	Each town needs an elected voluntary citizens panel that advocates for it with council and council collaborates with it to get things done in the town. That way people still have their local representation and voice.	7/15/2023 7:44 AM
58	For the rates I pay I want to see a properly qualified fully functional Aquatic Centre (incl hydrotherapy pool)/gym in St Helens so it's a question of what size local government council will finally deliver that. Same goes for consistency of permanently domiciled GPs - though in my mind the two are linked if we are to have an attractive (to new residents & tourists alike), healthy, socially connected community.	7/15/2023 5:18 AM
59	If boundaries change I would hope that money is distributed fairly as Ansons Bay seems to miss out on any works that require maintenance.	7/14/2023 11:59 PM
60	Just get on with it.	7/14/2023 11:58 PM
61	I support council boudary adjustments as long as it is no to the detrement the smaller communities.	7/14/2023 11:52 PM
62	Tasmania has too many local government duristictions.	7/14/2023 9:32 PM
63	Whist I understand the importance of increasing the efficiency and reducing the duplication of resources this needs to be done without reducing the local input across the regions and further isolation of smaller communities like Pyengana from services. We pay rates and receive very limited services already. If the locally employed council staff were centralised futher it would lead to further reduction in local services for our area	7/14/2023 8:00 PM
64	The council area should reflect the diversity of the region within no more than an hour's drive from the council base. Some areas could be very hard to service otherwise, and become neglected.	7/14/2023 6:55 PM
65	I fully support amalgamation in whatever form it takes. The current model isn't sustainable and GSBC is dysfunctional.	7/14/2023 6:22 PM
66	No	7/14/2023 5:49 PM
67	Make sure all parties are clearly informed, during the mergers.	7/14/2023 5:25 PM
68	I think it a good idea.	7/14/2023 4:31 PM
69	Local councillors need to be in local area, not over in George town or Flinders island that had no bearing on the east coast.	7/14/2023 4:10 PM

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70	Just do it...	7/14/2023 4:09 PM
71	The quicker it is done the better we will all be	7/14/2023 1:07 PM
72	Bigger is rarely better	7/14/2023 11:34 AM
73	no	7/14/2023 11:05 AM
74	Local Government Reform/Boundary adjustments should not occur if it will result in job losses and increased operational costs that result in rate increases.	7/14/2023 11:04 AM
75	If I'm to be honest I feel that as a permanent Anson's Bay resident I don't feel supported with things that I have already contacted the council with ... for instance the mowing of the gravel road still hasn't been done and I am constantly told that the contractors have had a break down ... this excuse is getting rather old and I feel it is just to stop me contacting them again ... I contacted council about the drains in the front of our house and the council came quickly to attempt to fix it ... sadly they dug down lower than the pipe going under our driveway and so we still have stagnant water in the drain which is a huge breeding ground for mosquitoes	7/14/2023 10:52 AM
76	29 councils is far too many we need to have a healthy bureaucracy currently people can stay in the system for 20/30 years and toxic culture is maintained Elected councillors need to represent everyone in there area and be supported to do so	7/14/2023 8:31 AM
77	No	7/14/2023 8:08 AM
78	I think having one larger council would benefit the community as we could pool resources and expertise. The Dorset council has been able to activate mountain biking in their region so it would be good to join forces in my view. We already share the Blue Tier in a way so having one council looking after all the trails would benefit everyone. There need not be competition we need to work together to ensure that all MTB destinations in Tasmania are viable and moving forward.	7/14/2023 8:06 AM
79	No	7/13/2023 9:17 PM
80	Supportive of reforms-increased shared services and resources/assets. Absolutely need for amalgamation and reform-	7/13/2023 5:57 PM
81	Needs to be less councils	7/13/2023 5:41 PM
82	I don't believe they would benefit my business or the tourism industry	7/13/2023 5:04 PM
83	Is there a cost saving or is it a money grab at the expense of the ratepayer	7/13/2023 4:32 PM
84	Needs to occur swiftly	7/13/2023 4:24 PM
85	Consolidate functions that can be centralised (maybe even at a Tasmanian level). Functions such as planning, payroll, rates setting and admin, hr, public works prioritisation. Set criteria to determine the last item. Physical works would be physically done through local works depots.	7/13/2023 4:08 PM
86	Leave the boundaries as they are!	7/13/2023 3:22 PM
87	Please consider impacts on the smaller towns and communities; there is already often a perception that we're less important than the bigger centres, and larger council areas could make this worse. Please consider how you can ensure a larger council area retains a clear presence and focus on the small locations (which are often part of the tourism drawcard).	7/13/2023 3:00 PM
88	Just ensure that we get it done. Council amalgamation has been going on for far too long.	7/13/2023 2:01 PM
89	I cannot really appreciate what these changes will do for me apart from put my rates up! As I do not live permanently in Break O Day Municipality, I do not use many of its facilities.	7/13/2023 1:57 PM
90	Just get on with it, 29 councils is ridiculously inefficient for such a small population.	7/13/2023 11:36 AM
91	No	7/13/2023 11:20 AM
92	I think amalgamation is important as right now the only people who can afford to be Councillors are independently wealthy or on a pension, or have another source of income that isn't time consuming. It's bordering on slavery the hours that a Councillor would need to put in for the remuneration. In order to get good knowledgeable and professional people you need to pay. Simple as that. And in order to do that you need a bigger pool to have people stand from.	7/13/2023 8:55 AM
93	Our council are only interested in tourism and their town, not the towns that funnel tourists to them. If we want the fingle Valley, east coast drive to shine, we need to pump funds into	7/13/2023 8:37 AM

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these communities. Families are flocking to the coast in all areas, not just st helens. Make it equal and fair. We have hikers up our road to climb st Patrick's jead that are dangerous on the dirt road. Fire is our biggest fear and risk where we live, tree lopping and removal past st Patrick Head turn off needs doing asap before summer or every person above this point will be at risk of death due to the state of the council land trees. We want a change in a hope the new council will do more for our safety

94	No	7/12/2023 4:33 PM
95	It is to simplify processes, shorten communications and safe money	7/12/2023 3:46 PM
96	Bring it on. People are sick of the corruption thats entrenched in our current small minded councils. Mates looking after mates. A community needs to be progressive and embrace all people.	7/12/2023 1:10 PM
97	Mo	7/12/2023 8:44 AM
98	Not really.	7/11/2023 3:50 PM
99	Keep services local share resources where possible	7/10/2023 12:04 PM
100	No	7/10/2023 11:01 AM
101	If the BOD boundaries were to be increased shopfront offices could be useful in areas currently providing council offices.	7/8/2023 1:52 PM