

Item 9.1 (1)

Richmond  
Valley  
Council

Council's Reference:

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Dear Arthur

**Fit for the Future**

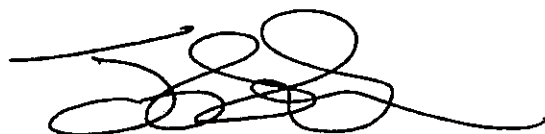
As you are aware the Fit for the Future guidelines require those Councils subject to a recommendation from the Independent Local Government Review Panel in respect of a possible merger to address the issue and recommendation made in regard to scale and capacity. In Richmond Valley Council's case this was a possible merge with Kyogle.

In considering our position and submission, Council has resolved that I write to you requesting that your Council advise its position in relation to the recommendation made that you consider a merge with either Richmond Valley or Lismore City.

From press reports it would seem Kyogle wishes to pursue a special rate variation before it determines its answers and that if you do consider a merge, it would more likely be with Lismore.

Richmond Valley Council respects whatever your decision may be and is very comfortable with what has been reported to date, however to ensure we address what we have been asked to do, a formal response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely



John Walker  
**General Manager**