

Presentation to

Public Meeting

11 November 2015

Fit for the Future

We are not Fit for the Future as determined by I-PART

89 other Councils in NSW were also declared not Fit for the Future

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I-PART have assessed:

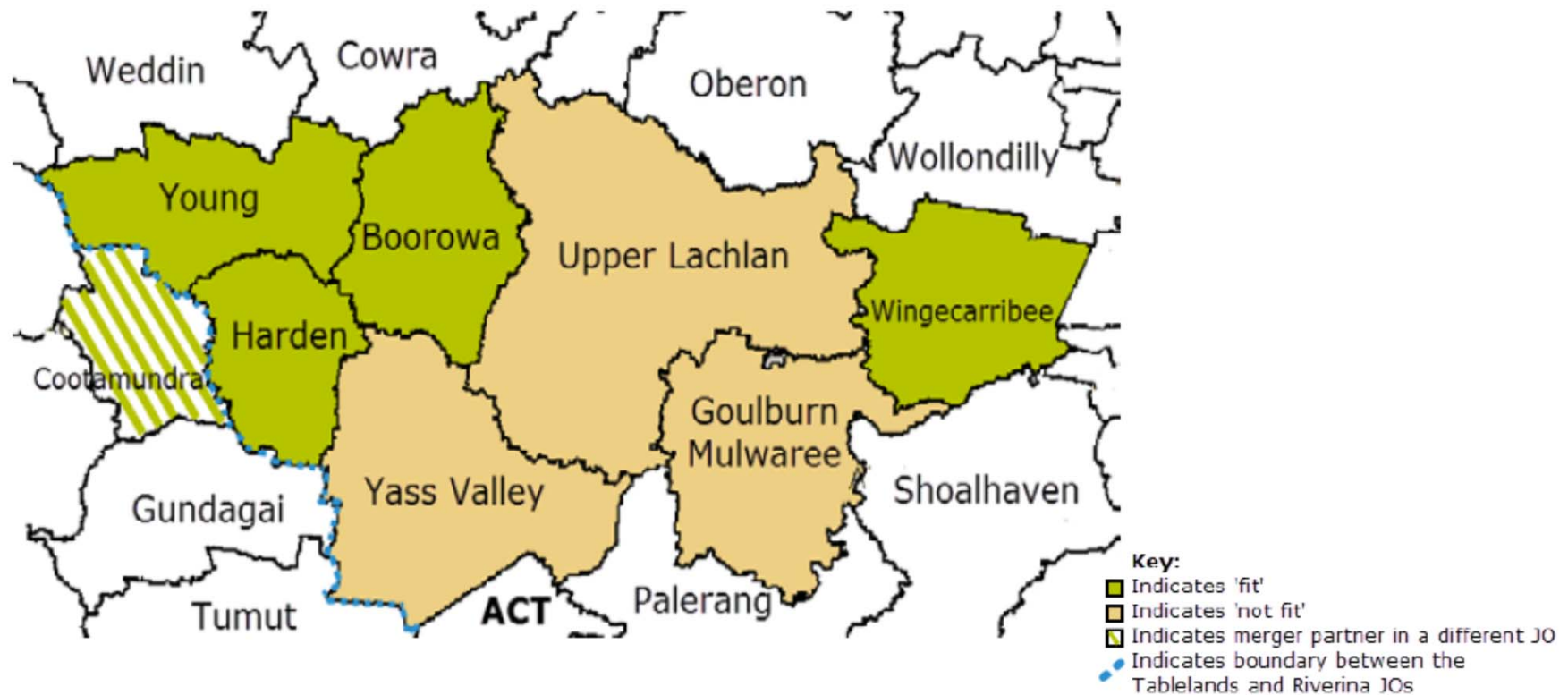
- We satisfy:
 - scale and capacity
 - criteria for infrastructure servicing
 - Efficiency
- We don't satisfy
 - operational sustainability
 - Need 46.5% increase over 10 years

Thus we are not Fit for the Future

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2.3.8 Tablelands

Figure 2.20 Tablelands Region



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Figure 2.26 South East Region



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State Government Letter

If your council's submission was found by IPART to be "not fit" as it did not meet scale and capacity, or if your council adjoins a council that did not meet scale and capacity, please advise of any preferences your council may have regarding merging partners.

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So where to from here?

- 18th November we must determine and agree who we amalgamate with
or
- The State Government will make decision for us.

Final decision will be made by Christmas

Effective by September 2016.

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Amalgamation Options for this Council

- Amalgamate with Upper Lachlan Shire & Yass Valley Council's
- Amalgamate with Upper Lachlan, Yass & part of Palerang (including Braidwood, Nerriga, Bywong, Wamboin & Lake George area.
- Amalgamate with Upper Lachlan Shire, Yass Valley, Palerang & Queanbeyan

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Status Quo

- Council could promote a “Stand-Alone” option and apply for Special Rate Variation to meet 46.5% shortfall:

4% for 10 years

or

10% for 4 years

OR

- Obtain the productivity gains with amalgamated Council(s)

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Why has State Government taken this stance? -
Premier & Minister Statements

- State Government has lost patience with Local Government
- Four years of consultation
- Local Government was not prepare to reform itself
- Significant benefits to communities with less Local Government including – Financial, large infrastructure projects, better focused Management and Governance, Better able to deliver modern Local Government services to communities

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Community Enhancement Fund

- State Government is offering \$5 million for amalgamation costs plus \$5 million for community projects if 2 Councils amalgamate or \$10 million if 3 Councils amalgamate
- We need to agree by 18 November to be eligible for these funds

Questions

