

**Electoral structure review - Surf Coast Shire Council - Preliminary Submission
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I believe that the Surf Coast shire make up is now unsuitable ,with a distinct ,contained township of Lorne at one end & the increasingly urbanised Torquay at the other extreme.Lorne produces a large financial contribution because of property rates.The newish council offices & the 'proposed' major aquatic centre demonstrate the spending ability of Torquay;fine if you are part of that district but of little relevance to the needs of Lorne.A similar situation arose on the Sunshine Coast where another amalgamation swallowed the 'unique' Noosa.Here the solution was to separate,but the process required great effort & powerful leaders,not readily available.Our solution should be to look for more homogeneous amalgamations as the disparities of Torquay & Lorne will continue to develop.In the interim Lorne needs strong & very specific councillor representation until a better configuration for the area west & north of the current 'centre' of Torquay.D&J Gaffney.

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