

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

PROPOSAL TO MERGE FAR NORTH COAST COUNTY COUNCIL, RICHMOND RIVER COUNTY COUNCIL AND ROUS COUNTY COUNCIL

A proposal has been received from Rous County Council to merge Far North Coast County Council, Richmond River County Council and Rous County Council.

The proposal has the support of Far North Coast County Council and Richmond River County Council.

Far North Coast County Council is responsible for the eradication of noxious weeds in its area of operations.

Richmond River County Council is responsible for flood plain management in its area of operations.

Rous County Council is responsible for water supply in its area of operations.

The proposed merger will take effect from 1 July 2016.

Information concerning the proposal can be obtained from the offices of Rous County Council, Ballina Shire Council, Byron Shire Council, Kyogle Council, Lismore City Council, Richmond Valley Council and Tweed Shire Council during business hours from 15 July 2015 until 4pm on 21 August 2015. That information may also be found on the website of Rous County Council at <u>www.rouswater.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Anyone affected by the proposal may make submissions or comments on the proposal to the Minister for Local Government, C/- Office of Local Government, Locked Bag 3015, Nowra, NSW 2541 or by fax to (02) 4428 4199 or by email to <u>olg@olg.nsw.gov.au</u>

Any submissions or comments must be lodged by 21 August 2015.

The Hon Paul Toole MP Minister for Local Government