

# TASMANIANS FOR REFORM



## campaign update

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*TasCOSS now a supporter of the campaign*

### Organisational support for campaign growing

It's been just over two months since the launch of Tasmanians for Reform, and support for the campaign continues to grow. The number of organisations involved is increasing, with the peak body for the community sector TasCOSS now adding its weight to the campaign.

TasCOSS CEO Tony Reidy said the organisation supports the campaign for reform, and said it's clear that local government mergers present an opportunity to reduce the burden of the ever increasing cost of living on ordinary Tasmanians, through a reduction in the cost of delivering services.

In addition, according to an EMRS phone survey of 1,000 people throughout the State conducted last month, nearly three quarters of Tasmanians believe council mergers would see a savings in their rates.

It is hardly surprising that some 73 per cent of the Tasmanian community believe there is a need to merge councils, given that a Deloitte Access Economics report says there could be efficiency gains of up to 35 per cent if local government reform was properly implemented.

With almost every peak organisation in Tasmania now part of the reform campaign, the time has come to get on with the job and accept that 281 councillors and 29 councils for a population of just over 500,000 people is ridiculous.

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Yours,

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Tasmanians for Reform



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