



Shire of York

## Media Release

### South East Avon Amalgamation Proposal Rejected

The Minister for Local Government advised the Shire of York on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014 that the proposal by the South East Avon Regional Transition Group to amalgamate the Shires of York, Cunderdin, Quairading and Tammin had been rejected by the Local Government Advisory Board and that he had accepted this decision.

York Shire Council Shire President, Cr Matthew Reid, stated “The York Shire Council accepts the decision of the Minister and the Local Government Advisory Board as all due processes had been followed.

The Shire of York has been actively engaged in the structural reform, resource sharing and regional collaboration processes for a number of years and it is anticipated that this will continue.”

The York Shire Council accepts that across the four Local Governments there was a degree of opposition to the proposal and it was good that people expressed their views through the hearings and submissions.

Thanks are extended to all Councillors, staff, consultants and other representatives who participated in the process.

The Shire President said “there were real benefits out of the project as the member Councils received funding for compulsory integrated reporting requirements, such as 10 year financial plans, asset management plans, workforce plans, communications and IT systems and other funded projects across the Local Governments.”

The full report is available on the Shire of York website [www.york.wa.gov.au](http://www.york.wa.gov.au) or the Department of Local Government & Communities website [www.dlg.wa.gov.au](http://www.dlg.wa.gov.au)

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