

Minister's response:

Local Government Minister Tony Simpson has called on Wheatbelt communities to support a proposed amalgamation by the Shires of Cunderdin, Quairading, Tammin and York.

He praised as "progressive" the efforts by these Shires to sign a communique about a future amalgamation.

"I strongly support the extensive work and positive approach by these councils to identify the benefits of merging into one stronger local government," he said.

During a tour of the Wheatbelt last week, Mr Simpson met the local government representatives at a South East Avon Regional Transition Group meeting in Cunderdin.

"They have identified numerous benefits in the Regional Business Plan for the local governments and their communities," he said

"I call on the community to support their elected members in the reform process to ensure they continue to receive the best possible community services now and into the future.

"I commend the shires of Cunderdin, Quairading, Tammin and York, and the South East Avon Regional Transition Group for their work to date."