



# Media release

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## City continues fight for independence

At last night's meeting, council rejected the report prepared on behalf of the group of twenty metropolitan local governments (the G20) that recommends consolidating the seven western suburbs local governments into one.

Mayor Heather Henderson said the council had clearly expressed its view that it does not support the model of one local government in the western suburbs.

"At last night's meeting, council reaffirmed its view that local governments and communities should have a right to self determination.

"The council expressed a strong desire for the city to remain an independent and autonomous local government, and reiterated it will continue to support voluntary amalgamations.

"The poll provisions in the Dadour Amendment are critical in ensuring the community is able to decide on the structure of local government."

Recognising the immediate threat of amalgamation of all seven western suburbs local governments, the council also put forward an alternative position to that of the G20.

Council resolved that in the event of forced amalgamations, it endorsed a proposal to reduce the number of local governments in the western suburbs from seven to three, based on the centres of Subiaco, Claremont and Cambridge.

"This achieves the city's aim of remaining an independent local government, while still meeting the aims of the state government in reducing the number of local governments in the metropolitan area," Mayor Henderson said.

For the latest information on local government amalgamations, visit the 'local government reform' page on the city's website [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au)

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