



Media release

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Council acts on amalgamation

At a special council meeting on 13 February, the council of the City of Subiaco resolved to make two proposals to the Local Government Advisory Board about the future of the City of Subiaco.

Mayor Heather Henderson said: “Our first preference is, and always has been, to remain an independent local government. However, given the state government’s intention to proceed with amalgamations and create a G7, council has acted in the best interests of our community.”

The first and foremost proposal involves a boundary change whereby the City of Subiaco annexes portions of the suburb of Jolimont currently within the Town of Cambridge.

Mayor Henderson explained: “This proposal is intended to retain our independence and identity, and rectify anomalies in the city’s boundaries.”

The second proposal, which was made under the perceived duress of the state government’s local government reform agenda, puts forward a merger of the City of Subiaco with the City of Perth, and is sympathetic to the boundaries outlined in the City of Perth’s proposal to the Local Government Advisory Board on 4 October 2013.

Mayor Henderson identified a raft of synergies shared by the cities of Subiaco and Perth that represent both resident and business needs.

“We have a strong geographical affinity including the natural features of Kings Park and the Swan River foreshore, transport links and key institutions such as UWA and major hospitals.”

“Both organisations are financially stable and very sustainable, and a merger would retain a significant level of elector-elected member representation.”

The City of Subiaco will submit its proposals to the Local Government Advisory Board ahead of the deadline for public comment on 13 March 2014.

Mayor Henderson said anyone who wants to have a say about local government reform should head to the Local Government Advisory Board website.



“All current proposals that impact the City of Subiaco can be viewed on the ‘current inquiries’ page. We encourage you to share your views on the future of our community by downloading and completing the public submission form.”

In addition to the two proposals, council resolved to make two submissions to the Local Government Advisory Board to:

- reaffirm the city’s preferred position to remain independent and note the results of two community surveys that demonstrate overwhelming support for independence
- reject the state government’s proposal to merge the city with six other local governments into one western suburbs council.

For the latest information about local government structural reform and how it affects the City of Subiaco, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au

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Notes to Editor

The City of Subiaco is recognised as a local government leader in a range of areas such as environmental and social initiatives, and long-term planning for the future. It is located in the inner metropolitan area of Perth and includes the suburbs of Subiaco, Daglish and parts of Nedlands, Shenton Park, Crawley and Jolimont. A major centre for employment with a diverse and growing business sector, the city provides important services including waste collection, town planning and public recreation facilities, to more than 19 000 residents. The city aims to maintain its vibrant sense of community and enhance the lives and well-being of everyone who lives, visits and works in Subiaco. For more information about the City of Subiaco, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au