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Dalby Town Council and Wambo Shire Council  
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## Our Councils Examine Their Size, Shape and Sustainability

Local Government reform in Queensland is an issue being closely monitored by both the Dalby Town and Wambo Shire Councils. Shared services, regional cooperation and voluntary boundary changes are just some of the topics currently being debated by councils across the State.

A joint executive committee of Dalby and Wambo Council representatives has been meeting regularly to consider the outcomes of a discussion paper and recent Local Government Association conference titled, 'Size, Shape and Sustainability of Queensland Local Government'.

"There are a wide range of reform options open to Councils for consideration at the moment, including resource sharing and joint arrangements as well as voluntary amalgamation and boundary change.

"The reform process could significantly change the way local government authorities are structured and governed, so it's important that Dalby and Wambo are involved in the debate," said Dalby Mayor Cr Warwick Geisel.

While both Councils share a cooperative working relationship and have completed several joint projects for the Dalby Wambo community, the reform process identifies a range of opportunities for greater collaboration.

"It has been agreed that both Councils will consider outcomes of the size, shape and sustainability conference. And, at an appropriate time seek joint funding to explore the benefits that could stem from Local Government reforms," said Wambo Mayor Cr Mick Crosgrove.

While Dalby Town Council has been proactive in stating that it supports amalgamation, Wambo Shire Council points out that amalgamation is only one of the possible reform outcomes. The creation of regional Councils, changed boundary alignments and enhanced resource sharing arrangements are other possible outcomes.

"Wambo Shire does not believe that amalgamation is the answer, however Council is willing to work through the reform process with Dalby Town to look at a range of possible outcomes," said Wambo Mayor Cr Mick Crosgrove.

The Joint Executive Committee, consisting of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of each Council, will meet every second month to further consider the complex issues arising from Local Government reforms.

Residents who would like to know more about Local Government reforms in Queensland can download the discussion paper or the Communiqué from the recent 'Size, Shape and Sustainability' conference at [www.dalby.qld.gov.au](http://www.dalby.qld.gov.au) or [www.wambo.qld.gov.au](http://www.wambo.qld.gov.au).

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