

Shires of Beverley, Cunderdin, Quairading, Tammin and York Sign Reform Agreement



Back (L to R): Ray Hooper, Cr Lew Shaw, Keith Byers, Gary Tuffin, Cr Rodney Stokes, Cr Dee Ridgway, Cr Tony Boyle, Graham Stanley, Cr Darryl Richards, Cr Trevor Randell, Cr Dana O'Hare, Graham Farndon. Front: Cr Rod Carter, Director General Jennifer Matthews, Cr Pat Hooper.

The Shires of Beverley, Cunderdin, Quairading, Tammin and York will begin due diligence into a proposed amalgamation after formalising their reform agreement in Perth during local government convention.

The local governments have now officially established a Regional Transition Group which entitles them to State Government funding and support to develop a Regional Business Plan.

The plan will incorporate input from the local residents and will ensure that all necessary information is collated, costed and assessed to enable both local governments and their communities to make an informed decision on their reform options.

Local Government Minister John Castrilli said he was pleased the local governments were considering how reform could benefit their communities by taking a regional approach to planning and actual service delivery.

"I congratulate the Shires of Beverley, Cunderdin, Quairading, Tammin and York on their decision to form a Regional Transition Group," said Mr Castrilli.

"The local governments will now undertake planning to consider how their communities can benefit through merging to form one government.

"I'm confident that this plan will highlight the overwhelming benefits that these Shires may realise through an amalgamation and look forward to working with them as they progress to the next stage of the reform process."

Cr Rod Carter, Shire President for Cunderdin said his council agreed to be involved a Regional Transition Group to explore how a proposed amalgamation may benefit the community.

"We have identified a number of areas where we believe merging may deliver benefits to our communities including: improved service delivery, potential for greater political influence, better economies of scale and the potential to enhance funding opportunities as a much larger organisation

"These areas and more will be explored in the Regional Business Plan which we hope to start in the coming weeks."