

## AMALGAMATIONS AND BOUNDARIES

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### 1. STATEMENT OF POLICY INTENT

The intent of this policy is to ensure that the elected members of Council are able to adequately represent the ratepayers of its area and that the ratepayers of the area are bound by a common community of interest.

### 2. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Act	Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
GM	General Manager
Regulations	Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 (NSW)

### 3. POLICY

That the Council:-

- continue to remain philosophically opposed to the forced amalgamation of any local authority within New South Wales
- indicate that where requested by the majority of residents within an identifiable geographic area, either within or outside of the Council area, to consider the potential for the re-alignment of the Council boundary, that the Council will consider and investigate the proposal with due diligence, bearing in mind the potential benefits and detriments to the current ratepayers and residents of the Wentworth Shire Council
- investigate all potential strategic alliances with adjoining local authorities for the provision of services to residents within the Wentworth Shire Council in an endeavour to diminish the need to consider any amalgamation proposals.

### 4. RESPONSIBILITY/ACCOUNTABILITY

The General Manager and Councillors are responsible for the implementation of this policy.

### 5. RELATED DOCUMENTS

#### 5.1. ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION

Local Government Act

#### 5.2. ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENT POLICY PROVISIONS

None Identified

#### 5.3. ASSOCIATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

None

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**6. POLICY STATUS**

This policy was formally adopted by Council on 16 September 2009 and commenced operation on 16 September 2009. This policy replaces the previous version adopted on 20 March 2002 and includes changes to format only.

**7. POLICY REVIEW**

This policy may be amended at any time and must be reviewed at least twelve months since its adoption (or latest amendment).

**8. AUTHORISATION**

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 Position:       General Manager  
 Date:            ...../...../.....

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