

RADF Through and Beyond Transition

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2008

The year of Qld Amalgamations

157 Councils down to 73

Loss of 724 Councillors

Loss of ? RADF champions



**What does this mean for the
amalgamated Councils?**

**Need to learn quickly about the “new”
community**

**Secure the identity of the sub
communities**

**Develop strategies and policies to
support**



Facilitating Local Government Reform

“New” Community

Demographics

Synergy of Funding

Corporate Plan Strategies and Objectives

Staffing and Resourcing

New Council



Identity

One the major areas of concern

Will our service dwindle

Will we be lost in the big bureaucracy

Will anyone ask us about what we want



Strategies and Policies

Opportunity to review and renew

Be more strategic – larger canvass

**Regenerate or reinvigorate the RADF
Committee**



Non Amalgamated Councils

Opportunity to take a more regional approach

Learn from others

Develop regionally focused policies

Partner with other Councils

Do not be left behind



Stronger Councils

State has a view about the regions

Have recognised there is an issue

**Now expecting a lot more performance
from the funding**



Advice

Look for, recognise and capitalise on opportunities

Do not make mountains out of mole hills

Look for the ways to make it happen rather than thinking about why it cannot



What to do now (all)

Compare and map policies

List the programs that are approved and delivered by June 08

Collate any other forward proposals

Engage community

Apply for funding



What to do now (reform)

Seek out information on the TAP

**Use information gathered to guide interim
position on RADF**

**Think about how to make the new policies of
the new Council regional friendly**



Summary

Document

Develop Strategy and Policy

Drive the change

Keep RADF on the community agenda

