

De-amalgamation Referendum



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

A range of comments and assumptions are being shared in the community, which may be misleading or confusing when taken out of context. These FAQs are designed to fact-check those statements and provide clear, accurate information so residents can make informed decisions.

Is it true that my rates will be lower under de-amalgamation?

No. Your rates will not be lower under a different council configuration.

For either Snowy Valleys Council or the two new councils to become financially sustainable, rates, annual charges and user fees will need to gradually increase.

Is it true that my rent will be lower under de-amalgamation?

No. There is no guarantee of lower rents under a different council configuration.

Rent prices are generally set by the property owner and influenced by factors like the local rental market, demand, property maintenance costs, and state regulations, not by Council structures.

Is it true that libraries, parks, pools and services may close if we don't de-amalgamate?

No. Libraries, parks, pools and other services won't suddenly be at risk if we don't de-amalgamate.

These facilities are part of the essential services Council provides, and they're planned and funded through long-term budgets, strategies and community priorities, not by whether we're one council or two.

Is it true that we may lose local staff and local jobs if we don't de-amalgamate?

No. While de-amalgamation would change organisational structures, it does not automatically guarantee more local jobs or job stability.

The ongoing success of either Snowy Valleys Council or the two new councils will depend on retaining the skills and local presence needed in each community to ensure services remain accessible and responsive.



REFERENDUM QUESTION

Should the Snowy Valleys be de-amalgamated and the Tumut Shire and Tumbarumba be re-constituted as separate local government areas?

YES/NO



PRE-POLLING

Saturday 22 - Friday 28 Nov

- Tumbarumba RSL Memorial Hall
- Tumut CWA Hall

Sat..... 9:00am to 6:00pm
Mon..... 8:30am to 5:30pm
Tue..... 8:30am to 5:30pm
Wed..... 8:30am to 5:30pm
Thurs..... 8:30am to 5:30pm
Fri..... 8:30am to 6:00pm



REFERENDUM DAY

Saturday, 29 November
8:00am to 6:00pm

- Adelong Services & Citizens Club
- Batlow Literary Institute
- Khancoban Community Hall
- Rosewood Public School
- Talbingo Public School
- Tumbarumba RSL Memorial Hall
- Tumut CWA Hall
- Tumut High School

AWAY FROM HOME?

Applications for postal votes close at 5pm on Monday, 24 Nov 2025.



These details may be subject to change. Check the NSW Electoral Commission's website for up-to-date polling place information.