

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — AMALGAMATIONS

**765. Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN to the Minister for Local Government:**

I would like to acknowledge in the public gallery Living Waters Lutheran College students from Mandurah and their teachers, and welcome them to Parliament.

I refer the Minister for Local Government to the complete disintegration of support for the government's forced local government amalgamation policy from within the government, highlighted by the loss of a major motion on the subject yesterday in the Legislative Council, the first time this has occurred this millennia. In light of yesterday's loss of confidence, will the minister now withdraw his forced amalgamation agenda for the Perth metropolitan area?

**Mr A.J. SIMPSON replied:**

No.