

Not-so-super spend-up

Why don't they just give up?

The Whangarei District Council continues to pour ratepayers' money into its ludicrous attempt to form a Whangarei super city with a string of advertisements trying to create a problem where one does not exist and providing misinformation in support of what increasingly appears to be a simple "asset grab".

Presumably, a super city will make it easier to get a hip operation. Yeah right.

And how come ratepayers' money is being used to promote just WDC's side of this "independent" process as it was in employing their "independent" consultant to come up with an "independent" opinion which did not suit "independent" Mayor Semenoff. Surely, those who oppose council's "independent" view, or who have a better idea, should get equal funding.

Go better still, they could just forge about the whole flawed, and unnecessary sideshow and use ratepayers' money which is being spent on mindless advertising to get on with actually governing Whangarei.

Aucklanders' opinions on their super city (*NZ Herald* May 14) make interesting reading with 48.5 per cent of people claiming that it will not

make Auckland a better place to live and 37.8 per cent saying it will.

Likewise 52.7 per cent saying that they will be worse off with a single council against 31.2 per cent who feel that they would be better off and 49.5 per cent who believe that it will not improve management of the region against 42.1 per cent who believe it will.

Go figure!

And, now what was that debt level, Stan?

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