

Douglas citizens to get voice on board

CAIRNS Mayor Val Schier has moved to clarify the make-up of an advisory board of former Douglas Shire residents angry at amalgamation.

The response comes after Douglas councillor Julia Leu yesterday expressed dismay in *The Cairns Post* that unanimous resolutions passed at a fiery Mossman meeting of 500 residents had not been properly addressed.

However, Cr Schier said, an

advisory board of Douglas residents would be formed, as put forward at the meeting.

She said that board would be determined by Cr Leu.

The mayor said members of the community, angry at the forced merger of Cairns City Council and Douglas Shire by the State Government, had also expressed their desire for an independent survey and consultation process to investigate their concerns.

Cr Schier said nominations would be sought for a Douglas representative on the survey team that will report results to the community, advisory board, council and State Government.

"While this process is under way I urge the Douglas community to help us help them by providing us with information, feedback and the opportunity to address and resolve issues and move forward," Cr Schier said.