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Submission: Re: The NSW Government proposal for amalgamation of Strathfield Council with Burwood, Ashfield, Leichhardt, Marrickville and Canada Bay;

I strongly object to the proposed merger of Strathfield Council with Burwood, Ashfield, Leichhardt, Marrickville and Canada Bay. If amalgamation goes through it will result in the following catastrophic outcomes;

- * reduced representation that will stop any effectiveness
- * reduced accountability of the Council employees to an un-sustainable level
- * transparency will be next to nil, resulting in rampant corruption of the Council employees

The cost of amalgamation is prohibitive and there is almost no evidence that it will result in any realistic cost savings to the Community. Obviously, all of the above described reasons will result in total disorder and in consequence, in rate increases in the Strathfield area. There is absolutely no community support of the merger. All my neighbours are against it. Such an action would be undemocratic, very unpopular and therefore, against any common sense.

Why fix the Strathfield Council, if it isn't broken? Let us get rid of the current NSW Government, instead!