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Submission: I am writing in regards to Burwood's future and the proposed council mergers.

This information about the alternative proposed council mergers (Burwood, Auburn & Canada Bay) is not my preferred option at all and I can't see any similarities with Auburn Council.

In particular I am unable to see how the proposal has answered any of these important aspects of the Fit for Future Council such as:

- Sustainable
- Efficient
- Effectively manages infrastructure and delivers services for communities
- Has the scale and capacity to engage effectively across community, industry and government.

We have no common boundaries with Auburn Council, our local school catchment areas don't cross, our local hospital would be Concord and RPA, whilst they have Auburn Hospital etc.

Burwood largest neighbours are Strathfield and Ashfield Councils and any decision made by any of the three councils would impact each other via their financial sustainability, assets and infrastructure and overall community wellbeing.

Additionally Canterbury Council and Canada Bay are the other councils that share boundaries with Burwood.

My preferred option would be the amalgamation of Strathfield, Ashfield, Canada Bay and Burwood. They boarded each other have similar concerns regarding development and the spread of new high rise dwellings would be better managed, including providing more open space for local community.

The size of population would be the same as the proposed merger of Auburn, Canada Bay and Burwood.

I believe that the alternative suggestion from Burwood council of a merger with Auburn and Canada Bay is a stunt and is only to ensure they meet the state government's requirements.