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Submission: It is a totally unwarranted financial burden to call for the amalgamation of NSW Councils.

In recent times the majority of councils responded positively to many suggestions in the Government's White Paper & Planning Bills Proposal to change existing planning laws and guidelines to increase housing potential, cut red tape for approvals and amalgamate some services with other councils local to them to save costs. But this left Councils being local for the local people, accessible to all, able to effectively serve their communities. Local councils do a lot to create a happy community, they run a library, they organise help for the aged, the infirm, the young, the lonely, the needy. They initiate and run art and literature and sporting events encouraging LOCALS to volunteer and because people know each other this is a great strength to tap into. Centralised government conducted via a huge amorphous body has none of these elements available to it. People will not be able to relate to it.

I see it as a grab for political power in the hands of the few and this historically has led to serious corruption. To endorse it's implementation is wanton extravagance and anti democratic. [REDACTED]