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Submission: Burwood is Fit for the Future and Should Stand Alone.

Contrary to IPART guidelines, Burwood Council's only consultation on the proposed merger was a phone survey of 408 people (1.1% resident Burwood population ) conducted over a 4-day period in late May, 2015.

I strongly object to the merger.

Burwood Council's community consultation from October, 2014 to May, 2015, did NOT include the merger proposal. The consultation was based on the Independent Local Government Panel's preferred 6 Council proposal. There was no mention in surveys or Council publications of a merger with Auburn Council. It is incorrect to use the 4-day phone survey of ONLY 1.1% resident Burwood population as evidence of Community consultation for this proposed merger.

Please consider the impact of any merger on Burwood's resident financially, emotionally and loss of identity and reject this application for the proposed merger.

Burwood Council deserves to stand alone.

Thank you for your consideration.

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