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Submission: On 7 May 2015, Council held a public meeting at Balmain Town Hall to discuss the Fit for the Future reforms and the proposed amalgamation of Leichhardt Council. At this meeting, the community moved the following motion:

“Concerned residents attending this meeting, regarding Amalgamation of Councils, held at Balmain Town Hall on May 7th, feel that amalgamation is a retrograde plan. This is demonstrated through:

- a. reduced representation, amenity and heritage protection for local residents
- b. inability of the proposed "mega" Council to reach the Government's own performance benchmarks
- c. the threat to local services and facilities in an area with such diverse geographic, social & economic demands
- d. social & economic equity being jeopardised in a drive for cost recovery in providing services.”

The meeting unanimously endorsed this Motion as I do. [REDACTED]