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Submission: Leichhardt council performs an effective job of managing and balancing the needs of individuals and businesses. It is economically sustainable and manages a mixed social strata and a blend of diverse businesses. It maintains and manages local facilities and essential services competently and professionally.

Overall, Leichhardt Council is a highly effective, efficient, competent and well-rounded Council. I have regularly contacted council across a variety of matters and always find their response timely, communication clear and their actions more than adequate.

Leichhardt Council is sustainably run and one of the best managed councils, financially and in terms of meeting its obligations (without the scandals and financial mismanagement that has plagued some other councils). Therefore, there is no rationale for forcing it to merge with other Councils. Local residents and businesses are well aware of this, so forcing it to merge to its detriment would backfire for the state government by alienating locals,