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Submission: I would like to ensure that we continue to have strong local governance and representation to maintain individuality of our area with it's unique history and requirements by maintaining Leichhardt council.

Larger doesn't mean better - we will lose not only our unique identity but become part of a large administrative system with no particular community focus. The ability to respond to issues of local importance will be lost in a much larger administrative organisation.

The leichhardt council has demonstrated that it can respond to community issues and it continues to improve in it's financial ranking compared to the large councils. I can see no benefit in this instance of amalgamating Leichhardt council. Leichhardt should remain a standalone council.