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Submission: My family and myself are opposed to the forceful amalgamation of Strathfield. We believe that the current services provided by Council will be downgraded whilst rates will be increased if the council was amalgamated.

We have lived in Strathfield for over 20 years and this is good area to bring up a family. The public amenities we currently enjoy such as library, parks etc. will not be maintained in order to fund the costs of amalgamation and for other suburbs that have been amalgamated. Services provided for youths, local business, young families will reduce and put pressure on other services such as law enforcement authorities, hospitals etc. Local councils need to be maintained in order to address the needs of locals living within our community.

The decision to amalgamate should be left to the residents of Strathfield.