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Submission: As a resident of Hornsby Council area I object to the Fit for the Future proposal because it will reduce services to individual areas. An example of this already occurring is the attempt to close Dence Park Pool and direct Epping residents to Hornsby Pool 15 km away. This is not a good way to encourage people to reduce their carbon footprint and promote local living and communities.

Specialised staff in areas such as heritage would be reduced in a smaller council.

Individual problems would be harder to solve by fewer staff. Currently developers are able to break rules without fear of litigation because of weak councils. A reduction in staff would accentuate this.

Council amalgamation would result in a reduction in services and specialised care for residents. It is bad enough now without making it worse.