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Submission: Thankyou for allowing me to make a submission.
I am a resident of the Braidwood area in the village of Majors Creek.

I am in agreement that Palarang Council should not be amalgamated with Queanbeyan for many reasons.

Braidwood is on the Eastern side of the Great Divide and our Council office is on the west of the divide. And it feels like a great divide from that side to this.

Braidwood is a little out on a limb as we are the end of the Palarang Council and amalgamating with Queanbeyan would be much worse for Braidwood and its historic town state listing. Most of the Council administration looks west toward Canberra as great numbers of their community work in ACT and Queanbeyan, they are becoming a commuter suburb of that area and we on the west suffer the lack of understanding of our predicament living in an historic town.

Many people in Braidwood feel we should be in the Goulburn Mulwaree council as we are in their telephone book and it is a local call to Goulburn, we have a school bus that runs to and from Goulburn daily, the main road to and from Goulburn is called the Braidwood road and Goulburn has a lot of historic architecture which connects us to that city, it was the most important connection during the rich farming years, the main road during exploration and settling of the area.

Our historical values of this important area are being undermined slowly and surely with a lack of empathy or it seems caring for the history.

Yours sincerely

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