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Submission:

I am a resident of Lake Macquarie and am AGAINST the amalgamation of the Newcastle City and Lake Macquarie City councils.

Lake Macquarie has a good council in place and I do not want their financial position dragged down by Newcastle City Council.

In my opinion, a recent example of money wastage by Newcastle City Council is their decision to have in their area a multi-coloured pedestrian crossing (which I presume they believe will encourage the practice of homosexuality and/or the acceptance of the practice). If my memory is correct, one of these crossings was put in at Sydney then had to be re-painted to the standard colours as a matter of safety and road regulations.