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Submission: The residents of Hunters Hill have many times over the years , fought the idea of amalgamating our local council . They are always overwhelmingly opposed to it - and this time is no different .

As a community we do , and will continue to , fight for our local identity and our local democracy .

Hunters Hill Council and Municipality have special needs and priorities that are looked after well by local Councillors and local Council staff who know the history and heritage of our area and our residents . We can see no possibility that a mega Council of 350,000 will be able to achieve the same outcomes .

We already have a State Government , and amalgamation of our local councils will just add one more level of cumbersome bureaucracy .

We have highly specialised and knowledgeable locals who sit on many committees as volunteers , that simply would not be able or willing to do so if we merge and lose our local focus .

It is obvious that bigger council will not perform better, consistent with much expert evidence. The atrocious waste of money and human resources that is being spent on both investigating and fighting this absurd proposal must stop .

Currently the Hunters Hill Council already operates a cooperative approach with nearby Councils , and the current submission to IPART regarding the JRA model seems sensible , given the parameters of Fit For the Future .

What we need is SUPPORT for local Councils, not destruction . Keep councils local .