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Submission: I am a resident of Leichhardt Municipality. Personally I have always felt a little aggrieved that that the Lord Mayor of Sydney is actually only the Lord Mayor of the Sydney CBD, certainly not my Lord Mayor. Similarly, when I go to the beach, the locals get cheap parking and I don't yet I feel its "my beach" too as a resident of Sydney just as much as the restaurant strip in Leichhardt is for everyone not Leichhardt LGA residents. My "orientation" in Leichhardt is towards the inner city and any amalgamation should be that way rather than westward as proposed ie there is more in common with City of Sydney and Waverley, Woollahra etc than perhaps Canada Bay and Burwood. There are obvious economies of scale with amalgamations (but other facilities eg pools, libraries will still need to be maintained locally) and perhaps more consistency of policies across wider areas. My "feeling" is that should there be amalgamations then the Councils should perhaps be somewhat larger than proposed eg based around the larger business/residential areas, CBD, Parramatta, Chatswood, Liverpool etc rather than merging 6-7 inner west LGA's ie the 6-7, plus City of Sydney plus Woollahra and Waverley.