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Submission: Dear Sir/Madam

From reading the documents submitted by Leichhardt Council that it has demonstrated that it can meet all of the Fit for the Future criteria within five years. Leichhardt Council has been supporting growth but in a sustainable way and through involving their community (ie us!).

The Office of Local Government's Your Council report shows that Leichhardt Council is the third most financially sustainable council in Sydney. However, this report apparently demonstrates that the five biggest Sydney councils all rank at the bottom. Hence it is hard to understand how Leichhardt would not be better off standing alone 'rather than merging with any combination of the six inner west councils.

I do hope you will look at the evidence that supports Leichhardt Council's submission to remain independent. We like what they do and how they do it and until you can prove it will be better being amalgamated, please leave us alone!

Regards Jennifer Barron