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Submission: The available research indicates that Leichhardt Council can meet all of the Fit for the Future criteria within 5 years, outside of an arbitrary population target.

Leichhardt Council is also the third most financially sustainable council in Sydney. Further research indicates that Leichhardt would be better standing alone than merging with any combination of the six inner west councils.

As a long term resident of the area I find that the services offered are of a high standard and very responsive to customer needs. I am also pleased to be served by a Council that is not facing any corruption investigations as with some other councils.

I believe that I will be best served in the future by a stand alone Leichhardt Council and urge you to follow these recommendations.