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Submission: I totally support Leichhardt Council in its stated wish to remain independent and not to be amalgamated with other councils.

I find that because of the relatively small size of Leichhardt it is possible have personal contact with Councillors and staff.

I do not like the prospect of travelling distances to another council office to speak to Council officers.

Leichhardt Council has many , many programs of assistance to residents which I fear would disappear with an amalgamation.

One example is the Hannaford centre in Balmain. Here there are classes and talks on many subjects such as exercises, photography, and of special interest to me ,computers for seniors .

There are many other such projects for residents which friends in other municipalities tell me that are not available them.

PLEASE KEEP LEICHHARDT A SEPARATE MUNICIPALITY