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Submission: POSSIBLE LEICHHARDT COUNCIL AMALGAMATION

I would like to voice my concern in relation to any forced amalgamation between Leichhardt Council with the City of Canada Bay, Ashfield, Burwood, Marrickville and Strathfield councils.

My objections are based on the following:

- The residents of Leichhardt Council will be subsidising councils less financially fit.
- There is no good financial reason to do so – the proposed savings to NSW tax and rate payers is minimal.
- Mergers are extremely disruptive and will distract for years from the actual service the Councils are meant to be providing.
- Council jobs will be lost, staff moral will be lowered, staff productivity will be reduced having a too greater area to manage
- Community strength in Leichhardt Council is important to residents the council has been supportive in times of need, this is important to the health and wellbeing of the residents

I'm not an expert in the financial concerns of managing councils, but I do know that any merger would not be very good for the residents of Leichhardt LGA