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Submission: I do not wish for Fairfield City Council to amalgamate with Liverpool Council.

There is a great concern that merging two such large councils will only disadvantage residents.

There are many reasons for objection-

Fairfield City Council have managed funds well in order to provide their residents with much needed services. They have kept rates and fees low, while providing many facilities and services for the community all at an affordable level. This is evident in the amount of debt Fairfield City Council have compared with Liverpool City Council. It is then a very real concern that rates will be raised substantially for Fairfield Council residents to cover the debt of Liverpool City Council.

Another concern is that we have a very unique multicultural community with many needs and the focus on this community is going to be lost if councils amalgamate.

Fairfield residents feel that an amalgamation with Liverpool City Council will result in inferior community outcomes. This is obvious when you examine the differences between the two councils.

And perhaps the most obvious reason for objection to the amalgamation is that if a Council is so large, covering so many residents and so much area it can no longer be a "LOCAL" council !