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Submission: I have been a Balmain resident for over 14 years.

I have reviewed the submissions regarding amalgamating 6 inner west councils and see no merit whatsoever in doing this. The notion that the state will find greater efficiency is unfounded and one only has to look at what has happened in QLD with the Sunshine Coast amalgamations which has not been successful.

Local Communities need local councils to represent the community interest. The amalgamation of 6 councils in the inner west will result in a super council akin to the state government. If the state really wants this then move to a 2 tier government altogether as it will have the same affect.

I am strongly opposed to the amalgamation of Leichhardt with other councils and want it to stay its own authority.

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