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Submission: I fundamentally disagree with the Stat Government push to amalgamate Council's in general and the proposed merger of Auburn, Canada Bay and Burwood councils.

The case for economies of scale has not been proven and there are other models which could provide some efficiencies without losing local identity and representation.

Certain functions of the Councils such as park maintenance and garbage collections could be centralised and/or outsourced across councils without the need to remove the Councils themselves as representative bodies.

Simply put how am i going to be as equally represented as I am now in a council with 10 times the population.

As for this specific merger proposal. It is an absolutely ridiculous proposal where to parts of the propose council area are separated by an entire other council.

I have lived in Burwood my entire life and i firmly believe that we have absolutely nothing in common with the community at Auburn.

This proposal was adopted at the very last minute ignoring much of the Councils own community consultation feedback out of fear they would be forced into an amalgamation come what may.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Regards

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