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Submission: I writing to give my support to Leichhardt Council remaining independent.

I feel any merger with another council will lead to a drop in services. I simply cannot imagine how a larger council would have the same level of local knowledge as the current council members, which is undoubtedly important to providing local services.

There may well be cost savings to be had, but I do not believe, and do not hear from other residents, this most important criteria for changing the structure we have in place today. I am not saying that I am totally satisfied with the council services today, but efficient mechanisms are in place to contact the council when problems arise and these requests are handled efficiently.

With Federal and State governments in place it is necessary to have local authorities managing local affairs.

Yours Sincerely
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