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Submission: The Brisbane experience demonstrates that not all merges are successful. In most areas of life there are exceptions. Any objective analysis of Councils (RE. Strathfields) operations over the past 10 years would support my contention that Strathfield is such an exception Council, has adequate resources, is not wasteful and responds to community concerns. Rates are at a satisfactory level. There is nothing to concern State Gov. There is nothing to fix. Amalgamation offers no benefits to Strathfields rate payers.