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Submission: Leichhardt Council should remain a standalone council - by moving to a super council constituents will become just numbers and small issues that can make such a big difference will be lost to 'greater problems' in other areas.

It provides excellent service to its constituents due to its personal service for example upgrading the Balmain war memorial and providing a service locally on Anzac Day - with the Mayor in attendance, understanding the local communities 'green' interests and forward thinking by providing opportunities for locals to reduce waste with the provision of discounted worm farms and compost, to the greening of our area adding lawn to sidewalks. It has the ability to spend our rates in ways that are important to the community and has a direct impact on our community.

There is a sense of being heard on issues such as childcare, parks for children and restoration of heritage buildings - things that matter to local people. When I requested a new bin as mine had broken - it was swiftly fixed and the man thought he'd upgrade and repair others he noticed were damaged and left me a personal note. This is not the service you get from a council that overseas 350,000 people. This is the service you get from a council that overseas 58,000.

Leichhardt Council is the third most financially sustainable council in the Sydney Metro Area - we will not be financially sustainable following a merger - I see no benefits. Leichhardt should serve as an example how to do it well and best practices taken from it.