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To Whom It May Concern,

Support of Canterbury Council's 'Stand Alone' Submission.

As a pro bono law firm that provides a free legal service to constituents within the City of Canterbury, Salvos Legal Humanitarian support Canterbury's 'Stand Alone' submission and are opposed to a forced merger of Canterbury City Council with another neighbouring local council.

Our organisation operates a pro bono legal service in Lakemba which provides free legal advice and assistance to some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the community. Our service allows for members of the community to access to free legal services where they would otherwise not be able. Canterbury City Council provides us with an annual funding grant which has enabled us to establish and continue to operate our Lakemba Advice Bureau.

Our Advice Bureau operates every Tuesday from 9am to 5pm and we provide legal assistance in relation to the following range of legal matters:

- Police matters
- Consumer credit and debt
- Neighbourhood disputes and housing matters
- Centrelink matters
- Family law and care and protection matters
- Family migration and refugee matters

Since opening our doors in October 2011 we have provided assistance to approximately 1800 clients. On average, we provide assistance to between 8 to 12 people each week.

Our Lakemba Advice Bureau could not exist without the generosity of Canterbury City Council. Should Canterbury Council be forced to amalgamate, the funding we currently receive to operate our Advice Bureau in Lakemba will not be guaranteed, and we would not be able to continue to operate.

We believe Canterbury City Council should remain an independent local government area, allowing it to continue delivering local services and infrastructure to the community today and into the future.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact our Ms Amelia Weidner on 02 8202 1500 or amelia.weidner@salvoslegal.com.au.

Yours faithfully

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RIZPAH JARVIS
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