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Submission: I have no problem with the proposed merger. Burwood Council has let down residents on heritage issues for too long to be expressing concern now. To use that as an excuse to vote against it, is a joke. Further progress only applies to developers and pride disappeared long ago. The Municipality has been destroyed by high rise with more on the way and the Council says it is powerless to stop it. So, why do we need Councils if they are so ineffective and useless? There is more to local government than providing coffee hubs and new streets signs. They have ignored the residents and deserve to go. The end result may not be much better but it limits the opportunities for Councillors to be elected, to do nothing and to simply polish the chairs with the seat of their pants. Local government is simply a stepping stone for State Parliament and, if the previous Labor Government set the benchmark, we know where that leads. Merge Burwood Council forthwith.