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Submission: As a resident of Marrickville since 2009, I am opposed to Marrickville Council being forced to become part of an Inner West Super Council. I do not want Marrickville Council to be amalgamated.

I'm concerned that the supposed savings and benefits of the amalgamation will not be realised, as this has been a common occurrence in other amalgamations.

I'm concerned that under amalgamation costs for ratepayers and the community will increase, while service types and levels will change as councils attempt to align their services with each other.

It is so far unclear as to how many elected representatives will exist under a super-council, and how they will be elected. I'm worried that local residents will lose access to their local representatives who will be overseeing a much larger number of residents. I'm also concerned that these local Councillor positions will be taken over by career politicians with vested interest in their own career progression, rather than those living and working in the local community whose vested interest is for the wellbeing of their community.

Different local council areas encompass very different communities. This is their strength. Local libraries, community groups and events are tailored to the unique characteristics of the area - people from particular ethnic or language backgrounds and socio-economic statuses. Under a super-council, these specialist groups, resources and events will have to compete with each other for funding and local communities will lose their vibrancy and uniqueness.

I am very concerned that the Fit for the Future process is being rushed and is deeply flawed. Marrickville residents need 'Local' Government - we already have two levels of big government.