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Submission: I do not feel that any amalgamation of Leichhardt Council would be productive. Though not perfect, Leichhardt Council is well managed both at the staff level and effectively run by the Councillors. Most importantly residents have an opportunity to communicate with the staff and Councillors. The business of Council is transparent and it is clear that Council has the best interests of the community in mind as they run the affairs of Council. Council is in good shape financially. Council is also consults the residents on a regular basis about planning issues both small and large scale. Council stands up for what they believe in and are directed by the local communities views. And this this IS a community that cares and wants to be involved.