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Submission: To whom it may concern,

As a Marrickville resident, Australian citizen and voter, I strongly object to the proposal to amalgamate Marrickville with Canada Bay, Strathfield and other suburbs and insist that these plans are dropped completely.

Marrickville is a unique suburb, with a demographic make up of Indigenous, Greek, Vietnamese and other backgrounds, which is totally different from the areas proposed for amalgamation. Therefore it will not benefit either Marrickville residents or the residents of the other areas to shoehorn these ill-fitting groups together and try to represent all their diverse needs under one local government umbrella.

There are also clear inconsistencies in NSW Government's process of amalgamation, with some areas expected to meet a minimum number of residents, and other areas escaping this requirement.

Why the inconsistencies? Well this is clearly a political ploy by this Liberal state government to 'amalgamate and conquer' these traditionally Labor-voting suburbs. Such flagrant political bias is contrary to state government's mandate, which is to represent all citizens of NSW equally, irrespective of which party they voted for.

I demand that Marrickville remain as the local government area it currently is.

regards,
Caroline Shepherd