

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Local Government Mailbox  
**Subject:** No amalgamation of local councils

To the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, Local government Division, Review of Local Council Fit for the Future Proposals.

**I would like to lodge my objections to the proposal to amalgamate local councils**

I reside in the Marrickville LGA, and have done so for all of my 67 years.

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I am more than satisfied with the level of service provided by Marrickville to myself, as a ratepayer.

In fact I would say that they go out of their way to provide services to myself and other family members.

Marrickville Council itself does not wish to be amalgamated with adjoining Councils such as Ashfield and Leichhardt.

The majority of residents of Marrickville do not wish to be swallowed up by a larger Council.

These larger Councils will not improve the present day services, but perhaps diminish those services we currently enjoy.

I am aware that the City of Sydney is also objecting to this proposed amalgamation with adjoining councils to it, to become a local government area with the population the size of Tasmania.

How this enlarged Council would provide services to the residents is beyond me.

The City of Sydney has demonstrated that they are indeed fit for the future, unlike other councils.

In fact the Council has a plan for 2030.

Does the NSW Government have such a plan - NO, but probably a 4 year plan for the term they are in Government.

I have read with interest the Council's achievements and plans, and I can only praise the City of Sydney for their vision for the future, not like the NSW Government.

The Premier should be made aware of what happened in the Victorian experience many years ago, when in amalgamating councils and he was removed at the following Victorian State election.

Again in Queensland, their Premier amalgamated Councils and this Premier 'was gone' at the next Queensland State election.

Is our Premier, Mike Beard MP prepared to tempt fate? If he is, he's a gamer man than I.

**Do not amalgamate local Councils,**

Yours sincerely David Bowron.