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Submission: I strongly oppose any plans to force Marrickville Council to merge with other councils. Marrickville Council has worked very hard and diligently over the years to ensure that the unique and diverse residents of the Marrickville LGA are reflected and supported by a wide-range of council activities and support services. I fear that the distinct and idiosyncratic nature of Marrickville LGA, and the council activities and services that underpin and enhance the character of the LGA, will be very much diminished and eroded by Marrickville Council being forced to combine its role with LGA's such as Burwood, Strathfield and Canada Bay, all of which are not only geographically far from Marrickville LGA, but are also home to quite different demographic populations and community concerns. In many parts of the Marrickville LGA, Marrickville Council is only just starting to address the ongoing issues around mixed use of land and precincts, including light industry, residential, recreation and arts and entertainment. Marrickville Council continuing as a stand-alone council is infinitely better served to oversee this gradual and developing process than some kind of 'super council' which extends all the way out to Strathfield!