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Submission: Dear Sir,

I would like to write a brief submission for Leichhardt Council to remain a standalone independent council as the residents in our community are satisfied that they are doing a good job based on the following reasons.

Firstly, Leichhardt Council are the 3rd most financially sustainable council in NSW and have a good record in keeping us financially viable.

Secondly, amalgamation will be costly to the community, more administrative cost blowout will occur and anything big will be like a "white elephant" too costly and cumbersome to maintain.

Thirdly, it would like local jobs away from our community.

Fourthly, it seems like the Baird government wants to grab more power.

Fiftly, there would be more delays in waiting for DAs and it would be worst than what it already is.

Sixth, our council is very strong in preserving heritage buildings in our community and we are uncertain how other councils will perceive our community's love of heritage buildings. There will be more random and destructive loss of our history and heritage from greedy developers.

Please consider my above objections to amalgamation of councils.

Kind regards, Mrs J Davidson