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Submission: For the following reasons I object to forced council amalgamations:

Residents accessibility to Councillors and staff becomes more difficult

It is not ensured that there will be an economic benefit because in other states like Victoria and Queensland, rates have gone up

It reduces community's power to oppose and stop overdevelopment in their area

Queensland enforced amalgamation has proved that it isn't always an effective and efficient way to conduct business and the cost to reverse it is borne by the ratepayers.

One size does not fit all; while in some circumstances where councils are small it may be beneficial to amalgamate but it should be by a democratic process