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Submission: The Strathfield community and Bankstown community are vastly different in terms of demographics, aesthetics, property values, levels of education and types of occupation. Bankstown Council is an area with high levels of social and economic disadvantage, while Strathfield Council area is one with high levels of social and economic advantage. The residents of Belfield, and Strathfield, south of the Cooks River are part of the larger Strathfield community as a result of not only their close proximity to Strathfield, but their demographic similarity. The proposed boundary change would force property owners and residents of socio- economic advantage into an area of socio- economic disadvantage, having an enormously negative impact on our property values. While the areas west of the Enfield Marshalling Yard, now Port Enfield, and west of Centenary Drive might identify more with Bankstown due to their closer proximity and lower property values, the same can not be said of the areas of Strathfield and Belfield which are east of the Marshalling Yards and Centenary Drive. These two pockets are definitely part of the Strathfield community. The children attend the same kindergartens, child care centres and schools in Strathfield and are members of the same Strathfield sporting and social clubs. There would be few if any children in these two pockets that would attend schools in Banstown or are members of Bankstown sporting or social groups. Similarly, the adults belong to Strathfield based social networks, such as Strathfield Cricket Club. To make these two pockets of Strathfield part of Bankstown would be to divide a community and try to force people into a community with which they do not identify and have nothing in common. Lack of consultation and consideration of the views of affected residents and businesses by Bankstown Council, I am satisfied with Strathfield Council's management of the area and object to having my property and services transferred to Bankstown Council, I identify with the Strathfield community, not the Bankstown area., I am concerned this takeover would result in my area becoming part of a large council and my access to councillor representation and my voice in local issues would be reduced, I am concerned this takeover would result in increased Council rates because land values of properties in the Strathfield Council area are considerably higher than Bankstown Council. This may also affect property values, I am concerned this takeover would result in a loss or decline in services and the management of the areas assets and infrastructure, I am concerned for the loss of community facilities, parks and open spaces and declines in standards or service and infrastructure management if taken over by Bankstown Council