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Submission: My family, my wife and two children, have lived in Leichhardt for 35 years. It and the surrounding Leichhardt council suburbs have a distinct character which will perish under the proposed Fit for the future. The resultant characterless council and municipality will become a cold bureaucratic function; the rates WILL increase, but the service will decrease and be less personal and the respectful cultures of each of the proposed councils to merge with Leichhardt, including Leichhardt, will become less distinct and have a very negative effect on the pluralistic nature as is evident now,

Another of our concerns is that this is not an exercise to decrease costs and increase services because there is plenty of evidence to show that that by simply having a larger council living standards improve - they do not. This exercise is obviously driven by a political motive to disenfranchise those of us who support political parties other than Labour or Liberal and will, in fact, ensure the increase in representation of those on the right.

As a Greens supporting family, it's obviously a strategy to wipe Green representation out of local councils.

We do not see any advantage of a larger council - who in their right mind would. Please do not inflict this nightmare on us.