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Submission: I believe that the resident survey and associated publications were biased in that the cost saving potential and efficiencies associated with council amalgamation of Fairfield with Liverpool were not discussed.

The "message" in the surveys was that if Fairfield amalgamated with Liverpool the rates would go up - this was not substantiated in any way and the associated information actually stated that this was "unknown".

Council staff and councillors have a vested interest in staying separate so the hope is that IPART can see past the rhetoric and look at the facts to make an informed decision.