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Submission: We do not support the proposed merging of Lake Macquarie council with Newcastle council. LMCC are consistently performing better and remain in budget, support the local communities, are a well run Council and have demonstrated they are more effective, efficient and cost effective than Newcastle council.

We strongly urge State Government to not merge our current Council with a less efficient and ineffective council with our current model. LMCC have implemented many improvements on a sporting level and our interaction with them has been professional, responsive, well organised and well managed. We do not wish our current Council to merge with one that has been proven to be unable to budget, has imposed a large rate rise and has constant in fighting within their council with weak management and ineffective staff.