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I work in the Strathfield Council area and am concerned that this and other councils may be forced into amalgamations.

The local council is focused entirely on providing services for the Strathfield area and its communities. The council is small enough that residents feel that they have a voice and get heard, but large enough to be effective and financially viable organisation..

There is no evidence that amalgamations are cost effective or provide benefits to their communities. The cost of amalgamations is huge involving loss of employment, loss of local and corporate knowledge

I am opposed to my local Council being forced to become part of an Inner West Super Council, forced into mergers with other councils or having parts of Strathfield Council's area transferred to other councils.

The NSW Government has not provided any evidence that shows how I would be better off in a Super Council.

I am very concerned that the Fit for the Future process is deeply flawed, is focused on population sizes and 'certain' financial indicators, so that many Councils fail. I note that this process does not take into consideration its community and their views.

People in NSW need 'local' government, they don't need massive regional governments. Both State and Federal Governments operate at a higher level, we don't need another tier of government too far removed from its residents.