

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Sir

**PARLIAMENTARY ENQUIRY: STATE GOVERNMENT'S -
FUTURE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM AGENDA**

I live and work in the local government area of Ryde.

The State government proposal that the City of Ryde be split so that one-third become part of an expanded Parramatta, Auburn Holroyd mega council and the balance two-thirds be amalgamated with Hunter's Hill, Lane Cove, North Sydney Willoughby and Mosman councils is opposed by me.

With projected populations of 558,500 and 365,400 respectively, if approved the implementation of planning, management and resources will in my opinion require significant resources and managements skills that do not justify the projected amalgamations. Indeed the population levels in both proposed mega areas represent the populations of a vast number of the mid-western cities of significance in the USA: Columbus, Detroit, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Wichita, Kansas City, St Louis, Cincinnati to name but a few.

Further, I disagree with the proposal to split the City of Ryde. The added outcome of the proposal to split the area of Macquarie Park which has so successfully been established by Ryde Council is a demonstration of poor insight by the proponents. Growth of jobs and economic output in that area should be primary and administration by a single council is the best solution to its continuing success.

~~I support the alternative proposal of the City of Ryde to stand alone while working in partnership with neighbouring councils of Hunters Hill and Lane Cove to create efficiencies through shared services. Such a solution would not disrupt the function of current administration and services and keep residents wedded to their local identity and community.~~