

**INQUIRY INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN NEW SOUTH
WALES**

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Dear Madam/Sir

Parliamentary Inquiry into the State Government's Fit for the Future Local Government Reform Agenda

In my local government area of **Lane Cove** the State Government is proposing that our Council be merged with Hunter's Hill, Mosman, North Sydney, Willoughby and two-thirds of Ryde.

I **agree** with this approach of the State Government for Ryde for the following reasons -

1. The new Council will have a projected 2031 population of 365,400. In fact, I'd be in favour of even larger amalgamations.
2. Currently local Councils are too small and too parochial, resulting in individuals and small minorities ~~to have~~ too much impact at the cost of good governance and sensible decision making. *having*
3. There is a need for integrated planning for major centres, Sydney Harbour foreshores, etc.
4. As a nation we are over-governed, over-regulated and over-administered resulting in total taxes, rates etc being too high, and in ~~the~~ too high a cost and too great a complexity when doing the most simple tasks whether as an individual or as a school, charity, sporting group, business or in any other capacity. *has*

I believe that the Committee should consider my Council be amalgamated as per the State Government's recommendations, or preferably that much larger amalgamations be considered

Regards

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