

I am opposed to Strathfield 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". Evidence across the country has shown time and time again that bigger is not always better.

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.

Why does any council need to be about 500,000 residents in size? Councils are not state or regional governments.

Strathfield Council is effective and financially viable, it does need to be amalgamated.

Amalgamations do not provide good outcomes, there is plenty of evidence that amalgamations cost a lot and alienate communities. Why not learn from past experiences and not make the same mistakes.