

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

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Most council amalgamations do not provide good outcomes. The cost of amalgamations is huge involving rebranding, rate hikes, loss of employment opportunities, asset sales, loss of local and corporate understanding of areas.

I am opposed to Strathfield Council being forced to become part of an Inner West Super Council because the NSW Government has not provided any evidence that shows how I would be better off in a Super Council.

The Fit for the Future process is designed to make Councils fail, to justify forcing amalgamations of Sydney's councils. This is not fair. Decisions involving changing community governance dating back more than 100 years should involve communities it affects. This process does not take into consideration its community and their views. There is no democracy involved in this process. Most communities that have been surveyed are against merging their Council.