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**INQUIRY INTO STATE RECORDS ACT 1998 AND THE  
POLICY PAPER ON ITS REVIEW**

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Although there is now a single Executive Director for the two organisations I strongly oppose combining the two organisations. Most times the Government joins two (or more) agencies to form a larger organisation much is lost as there is usually a name change (at cost to us the tax payer), a lot of loyal staff are "let go", much confusion with the general public, one agency usually becomes dominant, senior executives usually get pay rises and the general staff are expected to make cuts. The organisations lose their historic importance and function. Many examples can be observed such as the joining of councils (where some rate payers get less services), Catchment Management Authorities and the Rural Lands board to form Local Land Services (driving long distances to get poison baits for feral animal control due to closed local offices), Sydney Catchment Authority and State Water to form Water NSW (Sydney's Water Supply Catchments not managed as previous), the privatization of Crown Lands Department (the average person now cannot afford payment for historic information through the "brokers"). Is this the first step towards privatization of these historic organisations? The combining of these two agencies will not increase public knowledge that has shaped our social, historical and cultural identity, in fact it will do the opposite.

Keeping the two agencies separate will enhance the protection of the key cultural assets of NSW.