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# Petition: KEEP LOCAL GOVERNMENT LOCAL

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To the Honourable the Presidents and Members of the NSW Legislative Council, this petition of certain citizens of NSW notes that:

- Local government is the level of government most closely connected to the community and is best positioned to identify and respond to community needs;
- The Coalition's 'Fit For the Future' package seeks to force amalgamations on councils across the state with no evidence that larger councils are more effective;
- When amalgamations have been forced on councils in other states, rates have gone up, services have stagnated and residents end up less connected to the councillors who represent them.

**Your petitioners therefore request that this house:**

- Supports the right of members of communities to determine the future of their own Local Councils;
- Opposes the forced amalgamations of councils that are financially sustainable and have the support of their communities
- Ensure that local councils remain strong, independent and genuinely local;

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