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To: Committee, FPA (SEN)

Subject: council amalgamation

Hi

I am against council amalgamation. I think the local issues of areas will be swallowed up by regional concerns in centralised government even more removed from grass roots. I may be forced to live under a government I moved to get away from in the first place.

But the real issue is the gestapo -type tactics of the Queensland Government attempting to silence freedom of speech. State government should not have authority over Local Government. It should be independent.

AJ Slaughter