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I would like to comment on the review of the registered club amalgamations framework. My experience of the acquisition of the Waverley Bowling Club by Easts has been very detrimental to the club and is a clear example of larger clubs gobbling up smaller ones with the long term view of selling of the land to developers. We need our open spaces. We need our community spaces. The Waverley Local Environment Plan 2012 clearly states that we must protect and maintain these open spaces for recreational purposes. Once they are lost, they are gone forever. The Plan states that we need to enhance and preserve our natural environment and Easts want to turn the entire area into housing. They have lied to the members (of which I am one) about their intention to close the club. The Minister for Planning should be made aware of this issue and asked to step in. He has social, moral and cultural obligations to the community and this is clearly an issue that is adversely affected by clubs like Easts who are demolishing out open spaces for commercial gain. Waverley is the most highly populated suburb in the WHOLE of Australia and the last thing we need is for clubs like Easts to gobble up smaller clubs in financial difficulty and selling them to the highest developer offer.