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Submission: As a city of Sydney business owner and resident I would like to state my objection to the proposed council amalgamation.

I live and work in the current City of Sydney local council area and believe strongly that the mix of business and residential in the region is unique, and at present the interest of both are supported well by our independent council

The planned amalgamation will create a Council for Sydney city with a population roughly the size of Tasmanian as a result businesses will suffer with far less representation & funds allocation by council as areas will include vast residential areas.

COS residents, with very small properties, or apartments require local amenity that suits this situation; parks, pools, waste disposal & events. under the new boundaries they will have their interests and funds diluted by people with large properties in sprawling suburbs that have vastly differing requirements.

My objections are as follows;

- I support independent council and a large area requiring vast campaigning funds will make council the jurisdiction of the major parties.
- The current council is committed to a 70% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030 amalgamation will put this at risk.
- Amalgamation will cost hundreds of millions in unnecessary overhead as all current policy has to be rewritten, and blended to suit & Amalgamation will cost many jobs.
- Council is local & "by the people for the people" this bill will be voted on and informed by state government.
- 82% of residents appose the amalgamation.
- Business interest will be diluted
- Residence interests will be diluted

As owner of multiple businesses I DO NOT support the amalgamation. My newly allocated business votes (thank you!) and personal votes will be going against the parties that support this bill, should it proceed.

Thank you

Jamie Madden