Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, Local Government Division PO Box K35 Haymarket Post Shop NSW 1240 (submitted via website)

13 July 2015

Re: Review of Local Council Fit for the Future Proposals

Dear IPART

Please accept my submission for your review about 'Fit for the Future'.

Simply: I am against council amalgamations. From many surveys, I know am representative of other Sydneysiders who do not want the City of Sydney amalgamated.

I have read no decent justification for amalgamations, no evidence of its benefits.

This would disrupt the many projects that are making Sydney better.

This would interfere with the governance and staff of the city.

Amalgamation would make Sydney a worse place to live.

As residents, we would have less say, less influence, less democracy, less opportunity to work with our elected officials and those who work for them.

The mega-City of Sydney council would have the population of the entire state of Tasmania. How would this be useful? The idea that bigger is better or more efficient is not proved. Meanwhile, we're happy with the way the City of Sydney is being run.

The City of Sydney IS fit for the future. Now, how do we request a commission on whether those who are trying to force amalgamations on unwilling voters and councils are fit for governance?

I'm happy for my submission and name to be made public.

Sincerely yours



Andy Quan



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