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Submission: Here are four reasons why the City of Sydney is "Fit for the Future":

1. IT HAS SCALE AND CAPACITY

The City of Sydney is a leading council that delivers high quality services and infrastructure while keeping rates and charges low. It has exceptional demonstrated capacity and a proven ability to plan, fund and deliver world-class services and infrastructure that meet the economic, social, cultural and environmental needs of our city and its communities.

2. IT IS SUSTAINABLE

The City of Sydney's demonstrated effective governance, strong finances and skilled personnel are critical for securing Sydney's continued transformation as a modern global city and to capitalise on unprecedented development investment potential over the next decade.

3. IT IS IN A PERIOD OF UNPRECEDENTED INVESTMENT

The local government area is expected to experience unprecedented development investment over the next decade, subject to the City of Sydney's continued efficient delivery of infrastructure and professional expert services, especially in planning and approvals.

4. AMALGAMATIONS ARE DISRUPTIVE WITHOUT DEMONSTRATED BENEFIT

The financial benefit of an amalgamation is marginal compared to the risks of a loss of business and development confidence due to an uncertain investment climate and disruption to city operations and critical infrastructure projects.

THIS SUBMISSION RECOMMENDS:

The City of Sydney has scale and capacity to be Fit for the Future.
No major structural should change be undertaken to the City's boundaries at this time.
Priority action is needed to deliver important reforms to the NSW local government legislative and regulatory framework for governance, financing and collaboration/coordination.
To enable integrated strategic planning, local government areas excised and transferred to state agencies (Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, Barangaroo Delivery Authority and UrbanGrowth NSW) should be reintegrated into the City local government area.