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Submission: I have lived in Glebe for the last 40 years. In that time this area was first part of the city of Sydney, then Leichhardt, and then back to the City of Sydney.

In all that time, the current council is by far the best, in terms of size, efficiency, visionary and actually doing things on the ground. It is big enough to be economically viable, but small enough to respond to individual concerns when needed. A larger council would not be as flexible, cannot respond quickly and efficiently, and would most likely be stuck in a large bureaucracy.

I cannot imagine any benefits of a larger council for this area. It is big enough.

The costs of amalgamating is most unlikely to benefit the community in the long run. Mega councils in Canada, and Melbourne have not shown that there is an advantage to the community..

Thank you for listening to my concerns

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