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Submission: I totally oppose the amalgamation of the City of Sydney with any other Local Government Council. I have lived in the City for the last 9 years and have been very impressed with the quality and timeliness of the services they provide at a cost that is reasonable to the ratepayers.

I do not see the same level of service being offered by surrounding councils and know that the service level will drop if it is amalgamated.

The cost of integrating 5 existing councils into one huge council will be millions of dollars wasted that would be better spent on providing new assets and services.

The City of Sydney is unique compared to the surrounding Councils in that it has a large commercial rate base whereas the other councils are more residential in nature. Diluting the council with a large increase in residential properties will divert the council from ensuring that the City of Sydney remains the business capital of Australia.