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Submission: Dear Sirs

I am supportive of the concept of larger LGAs provided that they are able to offer a more professional and efficient service to ratepayers and do away with artificial LGA boundaries that are not in the interest of the broader community.

I am a resident in the City of Sydney and have been surprised by the City's position on not wanting to become part of a "mega-council" as it is pejoratively termed. Surely it is in the interest of greater Sydney if there are fewer boundaries, territorial interests and political fiefdoms. Better still if "mega" councils can have an holistic future-view for the city and, for example, employ professional and motivated planners offering them a legitimate career path and exciting work (without wishing to denigrate smaller councils I doubt that they employ "best of breed" as it is).

Additionally, the fewer politicians that we have to deal with (and pay for) the better. For the life of me I cannot see the politics in collecting rubbish, managing parks, etc. the public all want the same outcomes from these services, there are no legitimate politics in emptying bins.

Finally I would like to point out that the City of Sydney is advertising to the effect that only people who want to argue against council amalgamation should "have their say". That's hardly democratic or fair to use ratepayers money to suggest that only one opinion is valid and worth voicing.

That's my ten cents' worth.

Regards