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Submission: The proposal to amalgamate SCC with other councils offers no advantage to those of us in the inner west. The proposed amalgamation with Eastern suburbs councils does not recognise the considerable local cultural and geographical distinctions which are a positive feature of Sydney as a city. The inner west would no longer have the representation to feel balance in the distribution of services and amenities to the more wealthy eastern suburbs at a distance from our local geography.

Further, as an organisation system and change specialist, I cannot endorse larger is better at the local level of city life, or where strong cultural identities have been developed to give people a sense of belonging. As bureaucracies increase in size, these very benefits are so often lost.

In terms of Fit for the future, there is persuasive evidence that in its sustainability delivered and planned SCC meets the review's objective.

I therefore submit that we maintain our Council boundaries and do not amalgamate.