

Sent: Sunday, 19 July 2015 2:35 PM  
To: Local Government Mailbox  
Subject: Review of Local Council Fit for the Future Proposals

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you as a concerned NSW resident at the NSW State Government 's Fit for the Future plan and its potential to impact to local government in NSW.

I reside in Zetland which is located in the local government of the City of Sydney, and my employment is based in the Sydney CBD. I moved to this area in 2004 when the South Sydney council was forcibly merged with the City of Sydney council. Since that time, the new City of Sydney has had to spent millions of dollars of taxpayers monies (our money) over many years on integration of services over that period of time. During the period of this merger, the council was effectively forced to focus internally on its integration of these services, and as a direct result there was a period when the council wasn't able to fully focus on being able to deliver the important issues our local community. Since the merger, the City of Sydney has been working hard to deliver important projects for the benefit of local businesses and residents (and for people that work or visit our local area), and further they have a bold strategy/vision/plan (Sustainable Sydney 2030) for the future of our local area.

I have read the City of Sydney submissions on its Fit for the Future, and I support the council in its submission that it should not (again) be forcibly merged with another local council or councils. I understand that this position is shared by over 80% of local residents in the City of Sydney and over 70% of businesses in the City of Sydney, businesses that the local residents in the City of Sydney use everyday to shop, dine, work, and so forth. This is an overwhelming majority of local businesses and residents against any proposed merger with another local council or councils.

The City of Sydney is fit for purpose, and we say NO to any proposed merger with another local council or councils.

Please note that I wish for my name and email address not to be published as part of my submission.

Yours sincerely,