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Submission: I live in the City of Sydney and own investment properties in five different NSW and interstate Councils. Both on value-for-money, efficiency and quality of services provided, the City of Sydney Council is simply light years ahead of the rest of the Councils that I deal with on a regular basis. As opposed to other Councils, the projects are planned and implemented timely, the redtape is minimised to a bare minimum, DA's process is transparent and has no room for 'interpretations' (ie corruption) , It would be borderline stupid to interfere with such an efficiently functioning organization and attempt to increase the size of the area managed and/or joined with suburban Councils. If anything needs to be amalgamated, I would suggest amalgamated (or outsourcing) some of the CBD transport and infrastructure management functions of the NSW Government to the City of Council.

I also vividly remember the horror of amalgamating of City of Sydney and South Sydney Councils. For three years even the Annual Fire Safety Statements were either doubled up or completely lost.