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Submission: The NSW Government hasn't produced any evidence that amalgamations lead to better efficiencies or financial outcomes.

A mega-council of Sydney amalgamated with Waverley, Woollahra, Botany Bay and Randwick would have a population the size of Tasmania but no extra responsibility or authority. If you're going to create a huge council at least give it authority over all areas of the LGA (for example, hand back SHFA land to the council) and all roads.

Amalgamations take at least three to five years to be implemented. The City of Sydney is currently undergoing a huge period of accelerated growth and investment. Based on current trends, \$30 billion to \$40 billion will be invested in development in our local government area over the next decade. The impact of a City amalgamation at this time would put hundreds of millions of private investment and the City's own projects at risk and negatively affect Sydney's future prosperity and the NSW economy.

Leave the City of Sydney's boundaries as they are, and stop playing politics with the wellbeing of local residents and businesses in yet another attempt to take political control of the council.