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Submission: I am not convinced by any of the arguments for amalgamation with other councils in the greater Sydney area. Furthermore I have seen the results of amalgamations in other States. The conclusion from these experiences is that there is no guarantee that the amalgamation model will work. So why would you run the risk of it not working when goals are being met with the current structure.

Furthermore ,as the need for more local focus increases as the city population increases, it is absolutely the wrong thing to do to disperse the management over a larger area. The residents want to feel attached to their community in the ever more complex world we live in. This is destroyed with amalgamations.