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Submission: Dear New South Wales State Government, Premier Mike Baird MP and Minister for Local Government Paul Toole MP

I am concerned about the proposed changes to the City of Sydney's boundaries to create a mega council for the greater City area. I believe the most successful, sustainable organisational structures for the 21st century are small local councils operating independently within larger government structures such as states or nations. There are excellent examples of such councils both in Australia - the current City of Sydney Council being one of them - and overseas, such as councils in regional Germany and the UK.

I hope you will reconsider this plan to amalgamate central Sydney's councils, driven by cost-cutting and efficiency, measures which prove not only illusory on their own terms, but are also harmful to local communities and environment (the true costs of which remain hidden).

all best wishes,

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