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Submission: To whom it may concern,

I agree with, and support the Premier, and Minister for Local Government. Sydney needs a better local government.

Sydney is a longer a disparate, collection of self-dependent communities, in which people were born, educated, worked and died in a local area. Transport and electronic communication have transformed Sydney into a single local community, and a single community isn't well served by a plethora of disjointed, parochial, self-interested groups of councillors. Our high-tech era requires many skills and equipment that can no longer be funded by small councils and rate-payers are held to ransom by out-sourcing.

Ideally Sydney, like the other regional areas, just needs a single local government, to ensure compatibility, cohesion and continuity.

At the worst there should be no more than three Sydney local government areas; North and South of the Harbour/River and the West/Blue- Mountains centred on Penrith.

The only exception is the CBD; which for continuity and functionality needs to include the adjacent suburban areas.

The Sydney City Local Government area needs to have directly elected members from business, residents and State Government. This will ensure that the city meets all requirements of the State, Business and local communities; no more wasted money on 'milk crates' and cyclists who pay for nothing, but want everything and completely disregard road rules and community expectations.

Thank you for this opportunity for change.

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