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I refer to the plan to amalgamate City of Sydney Council with Botany Bay, Randwick, Waverley, and Woollahra.

As a City of Sydney resident I am very concerned about this plan and I question the economic rationale behind it i.e. cost reductions and supposed quality increases.

- Bigger is not necessarily better nor will it result in economies of scale. After a certain size and this, of course, depends on the entities involved and their context, bigger results in gross inefficiencies in both cost and quality of service. This is the case with the proposed amalgamation of the City of Sydney with the above named areas.
- With an increased population size estimated at over half a million, it is inevitable that the quality and efficiency of services will be reduced. Currently I can pick up the phone and have my enquiry answered almost immediately. This is unlikely to be the case with the inevitable increased demand from a larger population.
- It should be noted that a majority of both residents and businesses are against any amalgamation (independent survey). Both fear that services and facilities will deteriorate.
- The current Council has a strong reputation for good management in every area including finances.
- The current Council has a track record of creative and innovative developments which have improved the environment for people.

In this way the Council is definitely fit for the future and does not need to be bullied into an inappropriate amalgamation.

Thank you for your attention to my submission. I would like it to remain anonymous.

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