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Submission: I feel that the resulting mega-council would be too large and unwieldy and that services would suffer. A larger council covering a wider area would make it harder to contact the correct person and receive information and service. There would undoubtedly be cut-backs, forced redundancies and services spread over a wider area and greater populace but without the corresponding resources to match the greater requirements. There would be a loss of local knowledge as the remaining staff are forced to operate over a wider area beyond that which they have come to know. The council would become a monolith with people at the extremities feeling disconnected from a more distant body.

Please leave the democratically elected City of Sydney council alone and do not force it to amalgamate with its neighbours. It is already financially sound and provides good services. It is not broken, so please leave it alone.