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Submission: I have been a resident within the City of Sydney council for the last 18 months. I have previously been part of other council districts both before and after amalgamation. i have seen what happens to councils and their relationship with their constituents after amalgamation and my experiences have not been good.

The City of Sydney council has made me proud to be part of the area thanks to their willingness to listen, to challenge the state government and business, to bring communities within the council together and their openness about what is going on in the area.

It would be a huge shame to see the council amalgamate and be responsible for such a huge area with competing needs and problems. In my view the council is fit for the future in its current form.

Thankyou