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Submission: I have lived in the City of Sydney for many years.

In principle I endorse the City of Sydney's position. I would also like to note the following:

1. I understand Councillor Christine Foster's in her capacity as a private citizen has proposed that Chippendale be divided into two, with the east side under the City of Sydney and the west side of Chippendale under another council. I am deeply concerned about any such move, and do not support this position.

Chippendale as a suburb (including Central Park) has only a very small geographical area (circa .35 sq.km, if you do not include the Railway Yards to Central). It is one of the Sydney's oldest suburbs and has a long and intimate history with the City. It also is a suburb well defined by its boundaries, being City Road, Broadway, Cleveland and The Railway Yards to Central.

As such it is well defined and contained community, and it would not serve the interests of its community to divide the suburb between two jurisdictions.

In particular, the past history, whereby the north - east corner was under the city and the rest of the suburb under the former South Sydney Council during the 1990s, did not serve the suburb well.

Since its move (back) to the city, extensive work has gone into local planning, and it is important this work continue, particularly as the suburb also contains the northern part of the Central to Eveleigh corridor. While we may not always agree with all decisions, it is imperative Chippendale as a whole, remain under one jurisdiction, preferably the City of Sydney.

2. There is extensive community concern, that residents no longer have an equal vote as in other council areas. This follows changes to voting in council elections, that only apply to the City of Sydney.

While local communities are very concerned about this, the council area should not be extended to include other council areas, as this would see more communities without an equal say. As part of IPART recommendations, this should be considered.

3. Our local suburb is an integral part of the City of Sydney and its future.

While some improvements are warranted in terms of local representation, this should not detract from the bigger picture, ie. the whole of Chippendale should be part of the City of Sydney's future.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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