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Submission: I have lived in the city of Sydney council area for 16 years and have been extremely happy with it under multiple mayors. To propose amalgamating it with councils that are primarily suburban is to ignore the diverse characteristics of the various areas.

City of Sydney does not face the same issues as Leichhardt or any other non-CBD council. While there may be financial sense in centralising certain functions of some councils, it should be voluntary, and only by referendum of the affected voters.

Certainly, in my opinion as a resident of 15+ years, City of Sydney should not be forced to merge.

Thank you,

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