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Cc: Clover Moore; office@toole.minister.nsw.gov.au; Local Government Mailbox
Subject: Saying no to council amalgamations

Dear Premier Baird

I live in Potts Point, in the City of Sydney council area, and I am writing to you about the proposed amalgamation of the local councils in the Sydney region.

The work done by the City of Sydney in the fields of supporting housing for low-income earners, sustainability, making the city safe for pedestrians and cyclists, encouraging a sense of inclusion and community, and much more, makes me proud and happy to live in this electorate. The Sydney City Council is financially responsible, filled with integrity, and is fit to govern. Its every action and plan is carried out for the good of our community. In addition, the Council goes to great lengths to consult with everyone who lives within its boundaries to find out what we want and need, and to explain how the Council will address these needs.

Amalgamating the City with other councils would disrupt services, reduce each resident's involvement in our home area, and make it impossible for the Council to listen to its constituents if our numbers were to multiply.

The City of Sydney is financially responsible, and puts people first. Our Council is highly regarded around the world and by its own constituents. Please respect what it has achieved and the work it does to make Sydney a unique and vibrant place to live. Also, please listen to the people of the Sydney area -- we do not want our councils to amalgamate to form one unwieldily, so-called 'super' council.

I respect you and believe you care about what people want. I hope you will listen to us in this case.

Thank you

Bernadette Foley

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