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Submission: I can see no benefit in the amalgamation of the City of Sydney council into a "mega-council". Each of the 5 current councils have distinct differences - harbour-front, beach, etc. with different mixes of commercial, residential and retail properties. The City of Sydney is not a suburban council and should not be forced into a merger that will dilute its capabilities and create divisions between the merged areas.

If a forced merger (and there appears to be no financial or proven reason why a mega-council would be more effective or efficient) would take place, the resulting mega-council would have to obtain greater decision and policy-making power. An area with the population of Tasmania could not possibly operate effectively with only "city council" powers...

I strongly believe that any merger would create problems, increase inefficiency and result in a council far less able to be relevant to its constituents.

Thank you.