

**From:** Craig Doyle [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** State Government's plans to amalgamate the City of Sydney into a mega-council with Botany, Randwick, Sydney, Waverley and Woollahra

To Whom It May Concern – IPART.

I make the following submission with regard to the State Government's plans to amalgamate the City of Sydney into a mega-council with Botany, Randwick, Sydney, Waverley and Woollahra. I have lived in Darlinghurst for over twenty years and in the last ten years have appreciated a dramatic change, for the better, in services, amenities and localised inclusion.

I feel that the proposed 'mega council' would be detrimental to the individual residents who call the inner city home, as we would be lost in the huge conglomerate that is being proposed. Sense of identity is fundamental to the human experience, and scale is totally relevant. Sydney's City of Villages concept gives the appropriate balance and sense of human scale – this would be lost within the proposed mega council.

Fiscally the current Sydney Council is more than fit – in fact it is exceptionally healthy, and amalgamation would not improve this, in fact I can envisage the opposite. I ask that the status quo be maintained.  
Yours sincerely,

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