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Submission: I know the City of Sydney is progressive, climate aware, culturally enhanced and financially responsible & productive. I've lived in Sydney for 60 years and have seen the progress that the current Councillors, under the leadership of Clover Moore, have made to my urban/city environment. Cycleways, small transportation services for communities, many award winning buildings including libraries, community centres, pools, & facilities. The popularity of small bars & night time services, not just in the city but also Kings Cross, has also made the city vibrant and exciting, without being uncomfortable & unsafe. Every inch of Sydney city that I live in, is run effectively, efficiently, without corruption and by being the most progressive council in Australia. I travel each year overseas, and I see the differences in what is available in Sydney in comparison to other cities & countries. We are very privileged here, and I will never take that for granted. We acknowledge our Indigenous peoples everytime there is a public event. We also have Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras to celebrate our diversity.

However, I DO NOT believe that City of Sydney Council should be amalgamated. (It was amalgamated with South Sydney council). There is No valid reason that the City of Sydney needs to be further amalgamated- & I have read the facts and figures to support this.