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Submission: Dear IPART,

I wish to add my objection to the planned amalgamation of the City of Sydney into the proposed 'Mega Council'. I see only negative outcomes as a result of such a proposal and converse to the probably intended 'economy of scale', see the likely outcome to be duplication and doubling up of roles and responsibilities. What most concerns me however is the lack of focus on real people, real issues and any knowledge of where the real problems lie and how to fix them. When you take your eyes from a micro level up to a macro, you lose sight of what really matters and needs attention and big problems in one area can overshadow smaller problems elsewhere, taking away still-vital resources from where they are needed within each community. The concept of Sydney as a 'city of villages' will become completely lost, and i fear for the individual identities of each suburb remaining, instead Sydney merging into one 'same' city instead of the current diverse city we all enjoy. I strongly object to the proposal and wish for my voice to be heard in favour of keeping the council structures as is - smaller, focused and able to better serve the needs of each community for which they are responsible.

Regards

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