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Submission: I do not want the merger Of Woollahra, Botany, and Randwick councils.

My reasons:-

- 1) It is too large physical space for one council to take responsibility for the cost of maintaining the environment.
- 2) It will impact upon the loss of financial support given to City of Sydney.
- 3) The city of Sydney is unique to the other council as it includes the CBD,, many tourist destinations that demand upkeep that is very expensive.
- 4) The city of Sydney is the capital city of the state, hence needs particular upkeep of infrastructure, such as public transport, roads,parks, entertainment venues.
- 5) A dramatic increase in the number of people living in the city will demand much upkeep and preservation of the city to serve the needs of the increase in population.

In conclusion, the city of Sydney, will be increasingly more expensive to manage. The other councils mentioned above, are mainly suburbs where people live, not the complex mix of the city of Sydney, which will need a very focused group concentrating on ensuring the council rates paid by those living in the city of Sydney, is focused on maintaining the high standard of living delivered in Sydney by its current council.

The city of Sydney is not a cash cow for these other councils.

Also I wonder, how much of this political decision to be a strategy to undermine the current successful city of Sydney council. Less focus and more area to manage certainly impacts the political influence and power upon the capacity of the City of Sydney council to continue such quality management of our Sydney.