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Submission: I am writing to object to the merger of City of Sydney with other councils. I do not believe there will be any feasible benefit to myself as a local ratepayer. In fact I believe that extending the size of the councils to a "mega-council" area will in fact be to the detriment of local citizens. It will result in removing the "local" from local government. Sydney City Council has made great improvements to my local area over the last 10 years and is clearly in a good financial state. There will be large cost associated with merging councils and distraction away from good local government for issues in my local area during any merger process. I can see no benefit to the merger for both our local area and the neighbouring council areas.