

25 July 2015

The Secretary,
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal,
Local Government Division,
Review of Local Council Fit for the Future Proposals,
P.O. Box K35,
Haymarket Post Shop, NSW, 1240

Dear Sir/Madam,

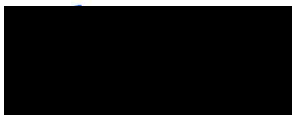
Proposed Amalgamation of the City of Sydney with other Council Areas

I am writing to express opposition to the proposed amalgamation of the City of Sydney Council area with those of four neighbouring councils. In summary, my reasons are:

1. The area covered by the present City of Sydney is large enough and should not be submerged into an area dominated by surrounding residential and industrial areas;
2. There is no real and substantial evidence (a) of economies or (b) of efficiencies or (c) of better management or (d) of community benefits from such a proposed amalgamation;
3. There is a loss of community identity in larger governmental areas; because something is bigger does not mean that it is better;
4. Amalgamations should not be forced or enforced unless approved by a majority of residents and ratepayers.

I request that this proposed amalgamation should not proceed.

Yours faithfully,



Geoffrey Bray