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Submission: I believe the proposed merger of 6 Inner West Councils should proceed. The economies of scale offered by a larger merged council will encourage efficiency and consistency on how residents are treated, and help reduce duplication. We need a Council that is more progressive and open to the challenges and opportunities that are evident in the inner west. Simply opposing infrastructure and higher housing density needs is akin to burying one's head in the sand. We need a Council that is more progressive in supporting sustainable development that meets these needs and respects and fosters the environment. The inner west is part of a large, vibrant city that accommodates nearly 5 million people - we need a proactive Council that has the resources and scale to embrace the reality of living in the Inner West.