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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Local Government Division Review of Local Councils Fit For The Future Proposals P O Box K35 Haymarket Post Shop NSW 1240



To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident in the Sydney City Council I am opposed to Council Amalgamations. Local Councils are for local issues. Each area has a unique history and culture and simply because Councils are geographically neighbours it does not mean that their issues, concerns and needs are similar.

Local Government is grassroots government where those who live and/or work within a Council can be informed of changes and challenges and have a direct input about quality of life. Larger forms of Government create levels of bureaucracy that distance the people from their decision makers. Disempowerment and distrust follow. At this most basic level of Government it is unnecessary.



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