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Submission: I wish to express that I am completely opposed to the State Government's "Fit for the Future" reforms, including the amalgamations of any current city council.

I don't believe that we would save enough money each year through the amalgamation of current local councils.

The amalgamations would affect and hurt the structure of current organisations, such as Surf Life Saving Sydney, and the districts that compose it - the districts of Waverley, Randwick and Bate Bay.

I feel that the local councils are very different to one another: they differ with some of the policies and notably the services they have implemented over the years. I feel that an amalgamation would cause the disturbance to some of these services that are still fragile, in the making, and that have the potential to greatly improve our standard of life in our local council. For example, Randwick City Council has run many great projects such as waste projects that have deemed to be a success, such as the trialling food scraps bins, which have greatly benefited to the reduction of waste. I feel that many of these projects may disappear under a new management, under a much larger council or city and under a new mayor.

Furthermore, I believe that our current city councils are currently performing well and that a merger would actually hurt the local identity of the people that live in these councils. I believe that the current local councils reflect very much on the social classes in which they live, and that amalgamating councils may be the cause of disagreements on different local policies, projects such as development projects (housing, schools, hospitals, transport), etc.

Sincerely,

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