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Submission: City of Sydney council are amazing just how they are, they always answer the phone and are helpful, forward thinking in resolving problems. They have local and specific knowledge about our area, they respond to enquirers and requests for help in the best way. I fear that the amalgamation would remove all that essential local knowledge and ability to deal with our local issues in a timely and efficient manner. I could give you many examples of this. The work they have done on Sydney park and other areas is exemplary it reflects the desires and needs of the local community and all this would be lost if we were just a small part of such a large area. The 'city of villages' was an inspired idea and it really does feel like that in our community - I don't want to lose any of this or their fantastic ideas and plans in the pipeline, please leave our council as it is, making great strides forward, creating great communities with access to arts, leisure, libraries and everything that gives us a good life here all with a sustainable vision. I don't want to lose our local feel and become one dot in a huge sea of needs, to become a small population that's lost in the larger sea. I say no to amalgamation thank you. Kate Dingle