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Submission: Since 2004 the City of Sydney has been a shining beacon of exceptional government. Its own submission demonstrates just how successful it has been, and as a resident of the City since 1977 I commend the current management. I would vigorously oppose any attempt to force the City to amalgamate, particularly as there is no demonstrable efficiency to be made by such a move.

Where Councils wish to amalgamate they should be at liberty to do so, but forced amalgamations which create such huge administrative areas are intrinsically undemocratic especially when imposed by the State Government.

The onus should be on the State Government to demonstrate the benefits of amalgamation. This has not been done, and moreover where amalgamations have been forced in other states, the promised improvements have not been realised. Please leave the City of Sydney alone, and let it continue with the fine work it is doing.