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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF CITY OF SYDNEY, WOOLLAHRA, WAVERLY,
RANDWICK & BOTANY BAY COUNCILS.

As a long-time resident of East Sydney I have had direct experience with The City of Sydney Council over the period since its amalgamation with South Sydney Council.

This has been in the capacity as a resident and a practising architect and over time I have come to appreciate the benefits flowing from the council's detailed understanding regarding the many demographic and environmental subtleties that exist within the current boundaries.

I am of the firm opinion that for the continuation of the current and future wellbeing of the many & varied localities and environments currently under the administration of the City of Sydney, the preservation of the existing scale of the municipality needs to be preserved.

This is both a personal & professional point of view and is founded on the understanding that a municipalities individual character is very much dependant on remaining at a scale which retains the possibility of a continuous and meaningful dialogue between administrators and the administrated.

The current scale of the municipality has fostered this type of dialogue and resulted in a city and its surrounding business and residential areas being developed at a level of fine grained planning that has resulted in the evolution of a unique urban character.

This is evidenced in the tourist appeal of the various villages within the "City of Villages" and the appeal to both residents and businesses of the unique scale, character and density within this truly global city.

I am also of the opinion that to tamper with this finely balanced aspect of the existing scale would be a non-reversible experiment that is definitely not warranted as there are no perceivable benefits for the occupants and businesses currently operating & living successfully within the current boundaries. In fact there is a significant amount of detailed & documented evidence that the financial implications of amalgamations such as the ones proposed would be detrimental to both the council and occupants of the subject municipality.

For all of the reasons outlined above I must firmly state my total objection to the proposed amalgamation.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Heffernan