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Submission: I completely endorse the City of Sydney's decision to 'stand alone', that it is already 'fit for the future' and should not be amalgamated with any other council/s.

The 1.2 million people who live and work in the area daily generate \$108 billion worth of economic activity annually. This amounts to more than 30% of metropolitan Sydney's economic activity and almost a quarter of the NSW State gross domestic product.

City of Sydney Council has created lovely parks, gardens, streets and public places with beautifully designed, sustainable buildings and public spaces which foster innovation, inspiration and pride. It has also delivered a major capital works program worth more than a billion dollars.

It is the only local government area in NSW to meet and exceed the housing and jobs targets set by the State Government.

It puts its community and its people first in terms of the facilities and services it offers to all its constituents. All these are fully detailed in the City of Sydney's submission - and it has done all this and more while keeping its residential rates amongst the lowest in the Sydney metropolitan area, giving free rates to pensioners and putting aside nearly \$2 billion for infrastructure funding over the next decade.

Please do not amalgamate the City of Sydney Council with any other council as it is already more than 'Fit for the Future.'

Yours sincerely

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