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Submission: I have lived in Darlinghurst and Elizabeth Bay for 33 years - under different regimes and the City of Sydney Council has never been run better than it is now. It has a strong financial position and rate payers constantly see improvement in their areas for their rates. Councillors are accessible. Local Council is the level of government closest to the people. Making City of Sydney 500,000 - size of Tasmania - is ridiculous - just a take over attempt by the Coalition and to assist their buddy developers. I saw the disruption when we left the pathetic control of South Sydney and merging would be a backward step for us and a waste of money. Leave City of Sydney Council as it is. Victoria saw the mistake of mergers and is now trying to reverse the error.