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I wish to express my opposition to some of the proposed council amalgamations.

The two in which I have a particular interest are the City of Sydney and Woollahra. Both of these have reasonable rates, seem well run and to be in a strong financial position. I understand that both will comply with the government's 'Fit for the Future' guidelines. I feel that to combine them into a mega council would be unnecessary and probably counter productive. I believe that they are working well with the current boundaries.

On a smaller scale, I see only a downside if Woollahra were to be merged with Waverly / Randwick. This would result in large rate rises with no compensating benefit - pensioners would be seriously disadvantaged.

I therefore trust that both these councils will be allowed will retain their current boundaries after the IPART review.

Yours sincerely,

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