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Submission: To whom it may concern

I wish to voice my objection to the amalgamation of my city (The City of Sydney) with surrounding municipalities.

The City of Sydney is already fit for the future, in fact probably the fittest city in the state. It's well-run, fiscally responsible, progressive, democratic and innovative. It appears to be corruption-free and this hasn't hindered the ability of developers to get approvals for a very long list of projects, all through proper channels.

What possible benefit could I derive from amalgamation of my city with surrounding "less-fit" municipalities?

Creating unemployment by amalgamating the cities and laying off the "surplus" staff does not benefit me or my city. I'm best served by a city in full employment where people have quality full-time jobs and have high spending power. The so-called efficiency gains of amalgamation and sacking only produce fool's gold. A lower cost city (maybe) but a city worse off for the changes.

As a long-time resident and property owner in the inner city who is happy with the direction the city is going in and who feels like I have a voice, I don't want anything to diminish that.

Maybe there is a case for some cities to be amalgamated because they're not performing well and dogged by inefficiency. But that's not my city. So hands-off please.

Yours faithfully
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