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Submission: I wish to register my support for the City of Sydney's boundaries to stay the same. The City Council is a high functioning organisation and represents it's residents very well. However this will be lost if the NSW Government forces large scale amalgamations and dilutes the abiltiy of residents to participate in the democratic process of local government.

There is a history going back a century of successive State Governments fiddling with council boundaries for political purposes. The position of Lord Mayor of Sydney seems to be a prize that all the major parties seek. The current government changed laws to give businesses twice the votes of residents - a move worthy of Joh Bjelke Peterson.

The record of big parties running Sydney is not a proud one. The last party to control the City of Sydney was the Civic Reform Association, a Liberal Party affiliate established to wrest the town hall from the Labour Party. By the time they were removed from power, the City of Sydney was near bankruptcy. It took successive independent Lord Mayors, notably Frank Sator, to save the City's finances and build the high level of sustainable services we see today.

I urge IPART to base it's recommendations purely on evidence and not be party to any influence from the Government to manipulate local government representation.