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Submission: The City of Sydney is a unique mix of business, retail and cultural activity combined with a growing number of residential premises and associated services. The Council of the City of Sydney has presided over the City's development and substantial upgrading in an exemplary manner over recent years, managing to be fair to all parties and proving successfully that commercial and business development can coexist with residential and community activities to produce a vibrant mix attractive to everyone. The proposal for the City to amalgamate with Woollahra and the coastal councils is unattractive because they are fundamentally suburban (in the true sense of that word) and have different issues to address. Sydney has become a truly international city over the past few decades and is recognised as such. The Council of the City of Sydney is currently a shining light amongst local government bodies and has served the state of NSW and the nation of Australia well in making Sydney well-regarded place to live, work and visit - diluting its focus by forcing an amalgamation with suburban areas is not a good idea.