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IPART - Local Government Division

Review of Local Council Fit For The Future Proposal.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I do not want the City of Sydney to be swallowed up by a Mega Council.

As a 33 years owner-resident of Ultimo, my neighbours and I have experienced the City of Sydney ups and downs during those long and difficult years.

Now that City of Sydney Council and its rate-payers are finally able to enjoy the benefits of their hard labour i.e. completion of merge/demerge/merge with South Sydney Council, the NSW Government want to set back the clock AGAIN and, force, impose another merger, this time, of not only with one other council but with 4 completely DISPARATE councils.

After all these years of ups and downs of City of Sydney and South Sydney Councils 'merge' 'demerge' and 'merge' again we, the rate payers, are just beginning to enjoy a pro-active City of Sydney Council that has time to listen and respond to our concerns, short-comings, grievances, aspiration for OUR future, etc., etc.

During those difficult years of merger/demerger/merger, it is was often hard enough to be heard/listened to by our present/current 'merged' City of Sydney Council and Councillors. I hate to imagine how it would be if we were to 'get lost' in this proposed Mega-Council.

Trying to fit 5, already very large and disparate councils into one will set us all, the 'proposed' 5 councils, councillors and rate-payers, back another 10 years, if not more.

And for what?

For an exercise that, in other part of the world, like Canada for example, has produced mixed results and that, cost reduction or quality increases cannot, as yet, be detected.

I do not want the City of Sydney to be swallowed up by a Mega Council.

Again ...

I DO NOT WANT THE CITY OF SYDNEY TO BE SWALLOWED UP BY A MEGA-COUNCIL.

Yours truly

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