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Submission: Dear folks at IPART,

I write to object, in the strongest possible terms, to the proposed amalgamation of the City of Sydney Council with the Councils of Botany Bay, Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra.

As a resident in the the City of Sydney Council area, it is my opinion that the City is run efficiently and well, with a consistently constructive approach to making the area both liveable and future-proof. The operations of the Council appear to be fair and its financial management seems to be effective. It's not broken, so I am baffled that anyone would want to fix it. Unless, that is, we're using "fix" in the sense of "ruin".

The oversized Council that would result from the proposed merger -- which as I understand is strongly opposed by the City of Sydney Council -- would undoubtedly be more expensive, as well as being a bureaucratic nightmare. I can see no merit in the proposal. I hope that, after due consideration, IPART will see fit to reject this merger.

Yours sincerely, Rakesh K Kumar