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Submission: I am a long-term resident of the City of Sydney and am both extremely happy with how they currently run the council area and impressed with their plans for the future.

Like the majority of residents of this Council Area, I am strongly opposed to the proposed amalgamation to create a mega-council. I find it reckless that this is being planned at great risk to taxpayer money when there is no clear evidence of efficiency or financial benefits.

There are many better ways of spending the money that would be wasted on the amalgamation - creating a world class public transport system is just one.

Whilst I see the need for continually trying to improve the services provided by councils, I do not view 'bigger as better' in this instance. We already have State Government for mid-sized governance, we do not need to make our local government closer in size to State government with all the duplication and overlap that would create.

Take this poorly thought out plan off the table and put together some fact-based, evidential plans for making existing councils more efficient.