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Submission: I am a resident within Woollahra Council area but I live on the border of the City of Sydney. Woollahra is an excellent council, very responsive to residents' concerns and issues and they provide excellent services. As an ordinary resident, I actually have quite a lot of contact with the council, through the library, parks, rubbish collection, car parking permits, parks and events. I have always found the council a professional and friendly place.

The City of Sydney is an entirely different geographic and demographic entity which has an important role. Even though many more people now live there, it is not primarily a residential area and the issues facing it are urban issues - high-rise buildings, traffic, workplaces etc. If Woollahra was to be subsumed into the City of Sydney super council, I feel that my voice as an ordinary house-dwelling resident would be swallowed up. Our identity as the eastern shore of the Harbour would disappear. I don't want the councils to be amalgamated - I see no reason for this other than to strip local people of their democratic rights and allow developers to have free reign.

I oppose the amalgamation of councils in the eastern suburbs.