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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Proposed Local Government Amalgamations**

As residents of Glebe we write to make known our overwhelming concern at any proposed amalgamation of the City of Sydney with other Local Government Councils.

We have lived in Glebe for 38 years and know what it was like to be under Leichhardt Council, a Council with few resources and little interest in Glebe. We were delighted when Glebe came under the City of Sydney as this Council had the resources and cared about its newly acquired villages. The city of 17 villages was born.

The City of Sydney has spent a lot of time consulting with residents in the villages and a lot of resources upgrading many facilities and infrastructure, allowed in many cases to deteriorate under previous Councils. For example In Glebe we now have a beautiful foreshore walk, an upgraded Glebe Point Road, upgraded parks and children's facilities. The services have improved dramatically with the City of Sydney administering the systems. Residents know their councillors and the Lord Mayor. Open Government is in operation.

However the City of Sydney is big enough. To increase its constituency would reduce its capacity to service more and larger villages in the way in which it currently operates and would destroy what really in many ways is a model Council and Local Government Area.

Our understanding is that the proposed amalgamations would result in a constituency larger than the population of Tasmania. This would result in reduced efficiencies, poor outcomes and would impede the Council administering in an effective way.

The City of Sydney has been so outstanding in the way it has operated that we cannot understand why the Government would give any consideration to its amalgamation with other Councils as the benefits are not there. It is big enough and should be left alone to continue doing the great job it is doing for the 17 villages which it has developed and progressed.

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