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Submission: I've lived in the City of Sydney council area for 10 years and have always found the council to be innovative, proactive and sensible with the area under its management. The books balance and they already represent an extremely diverse range of residents, businesses, visitors, cultures and environments. Why on earth would we seek to change this.

With some council areas it makes complete sense to merge, but each council should be looked at individually; for City of Sydney it would mean a reduction in the quality of service it is able to give. The City of Sydney council is not a suburban council and it really does stand alone amongst its neighbours with the demands placed on it.

It is not sensible to merge for the future progress and success of Sydney City and I fully support the council in seeking to remain independent.

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