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Submission: I strongly support the City of Sydney as an independent council. As a resident, I have seen council amalgamations before, and have seen little gain besides political influence. I have experienced the great work the city of Sydney is currently doing, and feel an amalgamation would severely distract from it. Councils can share resources and achieve the efficiencies talked about in the proposal by deepening ties between councils (as they're doing now anyway). This would only be a distraction, and would weaken the council. Smaller areas should have a say over their own affairs.