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Submission: I strongly oppose the creation of a Mega-Council. City of Sydney council is well connected to its community, it understand the culture and values of the residents in their region.

A mega-council will breed disconnectedness with the community. The community's culture will not feel valued as our style of living will be just treated as a business. I predict that all efforts at communication and development will become a business-like transaction.

I have worked in Health where I have seen the centralization and amalgamation efforts fail time and time again. The incentive was financial. The result is a body of members who are treated as a number, discontent and systems ineffective due to the poorly understood values and processes of each stakeholder group. The lack of respect shown to its members has in turn brought about an atmosphere of disrespect to the establishment.

I state again, I strongly oppose he creation of a mega-council