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Submission: I strongly oppose the amalgamation of the City of Sydney and Woollahra Councils with the others as proposed. The amalgamation would result in a huge and potentially unwieldy and less manageable entity without the capacity to respond to local needs and issues.

Furthermore the loss of the individual character of these council areas would be a loss indeed to the communities. In Australia we celebrate cultural diversity and this proposal runs counter to that value.

If mergers we must have, then that of Woollahra and Waverly could make cultural sense, as could that of Randwick and Botany Bay. The City of Sydney is strongly its own cultural entity and should remain so.