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Submission: To whom it may concern:

I would like to register a dissent to the proposed amalgamation of the City of Sydney with Botany, Waverly, Randwick and Woollahra Councils. As a heritage consultant for the building industry I have worked with all of these councils and in my experience, they represent distinct constituencies, provide variable levels of municipal service and have discrete identities that would prevent them from acting in concert.

The last amalgamation with the "South Sydney Council" was a misfortune for all involved and it took at least five years to repair the administrative disruption of lost records, displaced and unhappy staff and terrible inefficiencies.

As a Surry Hills resident for many years, I have seen regional governments wax and wane; the proposed amalgamation will create a decade of chaos for all concerned with social, economic and political losses a near certainty.

I urge your agency to reject it.

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