

Ultimo Village Voice

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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
Local Government Division
Review of Local Council Fit for the Future Proposals
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Dear Sir/Madam

Ultimo Village Voice is a community group in Ultimo and we address issues that are of concern to the residents and those who live, work or study in the local area for over ten years. In our role, we liaise with the City of Sydney on various issues on a regular basis, including but not limited, development applications, changes to traffic, landscaping and urban design features, and local services provided by Council.

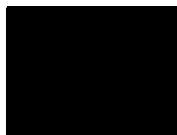
We submit that we strongly oppose the proposed amalgamation of the City of Sydney into a mega-council with Botany, Randwick, Sydney, Waverley and Woollahra.

We believe the City of Sydney is indeed "Fit for the Future" as it is financially sustainable, it has the scale and capacity to provide quality services to the community, and its Councillors are prepared to listen to our concerns. A mega Council will not serve the Ultimo community as we are currently served by the City of Sydney, and our voice will "get lost" in such a mega Council.

We also believe amalgamation is disruptive as we have experienced the merge/demerge/merge with South Sydney Council over the years and it has not delivered any benefit to the community.

The general sentiment of our community is that there is no support for the proposed amalgamation.

Yours faithfully



Yimmy Seifert
Chair
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