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To whom it may concern,

Why is the government so determined to amalgamate councils when this has not worked in Victoria and Queensland and they are now moving to undo the amalgamations?

The City of Sydney had done everything asked of it and is in a good position now. Amalgamations are expensive and while they happen, they are very disruptive. They take a long time to bed down, and there is no evidence anywhere that larger councils mean lower costs and better governance.

Businesses and residents of the City of Sydney do not want a mega council. Independent surveys have shown this.

Despite releasing other reports publicly, IPART's 'Fit for the Future' report will be submitted to the Government without being made public. The decision on the future of Local Government in NSW will be made in secret. Councils and the community will have no right of reply.

Yours faithfully,
Adrienne Higgs