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Submission: The concept of more efficient local government is supported. The idea that local government needs to be able to assist state government implemented agreed metropolitan planning and management approaches is supported. The idea that fewer councils are required to achieve these outcomes is supported.

Government should get its ducks quacking properly:

- * the current proposal does not align with subregional planning constructs
- * what is the role of the Greater Sydney Commission?
- * what is offered to larger councils so they can influence strategic planning as well as implement it (see above re GSC)?
- * what is the relationship to major transport/land use corridors eg Bankstown Line and Metro Rail; Parramatta Road; CBD-KSA etc.
- * suggest CBD be managed separately to rest of current CoS LGA.

if forced to act now, suggest Leichhardt, Marrickville and Ashfield as a sensible compromise. The current proposal fails all the above tests and threatens not empowers local government reform.