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Submission: I fully support the City of Sydney Council's position to remain as an independent council and not be merged with any other councils.

I have lived and worked in the City of Sydney since 2000.

Our area is quite unique regarding needs of residents & business. Many if not most of us live in small terrace houses / apartments and access a lot of services by walking, bicycle, public transport or share cars. The current Council has done an excellent job of consulting with us and tailoring services to our needs, eg. recycling for small dwellings, parks, bike paths, share car spaces. This would be MUCH harder if the council was merged. We would also have to travel much further to access services/events. I have no idea how I would get to anything in Waverley or Woollahra - its just not feasible for me. The whole point of local councils is for them to be responsive. If we had mega councils, we might as well do away with State Govt and just have 2 tiers of government: regional & federal.