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Submission: I am extremely concerned about the possible forced amalgamation of the City of Sydney Council with several other areas as far away as the Botany Council. The total area will be almost as large as some small towns in New South Wales and includes a collection of disparate suburbs.

Apparently 'economies of scale' is a main criterion for the NSW Government in this matter. However, there is is little transparent and/or rational proof that amalgamated local councils are any more 'economic' than those operating now.

It will greatly lessen the ability of residents (if that is a consideration for the NSW Government) to have access to their local council representatives and will afford us little opportunity for making our views known in situations detrimental or otherwise.

Once again much social history could be lost in these forced amalgamations, although it appears that such matters as these are considered valueless by the NSW Government, e.g. The Rocks sell off.

It is for these reasons at the least that I do not support the amalgamation of the City of Sydney the many other local councils.