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Submission: I am a resident and worker of City of Sydney and I am vehemently opposed to it amalgamating.

Strengths of City of Sydney include its services, transport, amenities, and the culture of a 'City of Villages'. The continuous upgrades and improvements in and around the City are strategic and visionary. I am proud to be part of a council that takes its environmental responsibility seriously, and the focus on sustainability is wonderful. If I ever need assistance from the Council, customer service is excellent, yet the cost of rates remains reasonable.

I see the effectiveness of the City of Sydney Council clearly when driving in my local area – CoS roads have been recently re-surfaced and are smooth, quiet and feel safe. Yet in Marrickville and Newtown, roads are pot-holed and bumpy.

I want to live in an area that promotes growth and inclusion, but that has the drive and vision to do so sustainably and by maintaining or increasing liveability. I am concerned about CoS's ability to do continue to do this if there are changes to its border, structure and finances. I vote NO to amalgamation.