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Submission: The basis of this submission is simple and brief. As a resident of the City of Sydney for 14 years, I live here because I do not want to live anywhere else.

I have watched the city grow, expand and modernise to the progressive city it is because it is well managed and is a world leader in redevelopment. It understands its broad ranging population, businesses and community and actively seeks to not only achieve its infrastructure goals through better management resourcing but transparently demonstrates its current and future plans for sustainability. Sustainability by Sydney Council is not something I have seen in other Councils nor the business growth by other Councils. Whilst distant from other large cities such as NY and London, Sydney is equally worldclass and the desire of many to either come visit or move to due to its uniqueness and lifestyle. This is an element that the City of Sydney Council capitalises on successfully and would be damaged by amalgamation and the chaos, disorder and political infighting this would cause. Why disrupt a successful model?

As in most of the councils submission, there seems to be sparse NSW evidence on how successful mega amalgamations would operate or improve current functioning. I would rather know that my voice (be it a council compliment or complaint) is listened to with a response, rather than filed across many desks, authorities and people until it is filed in those round filing cabinets on the floor the cleaner in staff manage on a nightly basis. Megacouncils and amalgamation are more a nightmare of distrust for residents than a positive step to the future.