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Submission: I strongly support City of Sydney Council's Fit For The Future Proposal in opposing the amalgamation of Sydney's councils.

Our council has proven over the years that it is capable of strong economic management. The City of Sydney has had a remarkable positive transformation in infrastructure and facilities over the past decade, driven by a council that is engaged with local residents and business.

By amalgamating councils of very different demographics, residents are having their democratic voice in local issues diluted. What we desire in City of Sydney is different to the requests of residents in Waverly, Woollahra, Randwick and Botany Bay.

Furthermore, the amalgamation of councils would result in a substantial economic cost due to the administrative process of merging the councils outweighing any potential saving from the State Government's preferred method of amalgamation.