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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
Local Government Division
Review of Local Councils Fit for the Future Proposals

I wish to register my strenuous objection to the proposed forced amalgamations of Local Government Councils in NSW.

I reside in The City of Sydney and also have two commercial tenancies in The City of Sydney.

I am a person of senior years and have lived and worked in The City of Sydney for over 30 years. It is my considered opinion that the delivery of services and financial management are the best they have ever been.

As a person who involves themselves with Local Government, my memory of the process of amalgamating the City with South Sydney was a debacle and took a long time to settle - **Council business was the amalgamation process - NOT Council business!**

It is my experience that the amenity of the CBD and all areas maintained by The City of Sydney has been greatly enhanced by the directions taken by this current set of Councillors and I am especially impressed and grateful for their attitude to carbon emissions, water recycling, waste recycling and the incredible number of new parks and other community facilities.

The scrupulous reputation of the Mayor and Councillors with regard to corruption, rorting and self interest, is very reassuring and makes it understandable why residents in other Council areas would want to join The City of Sydney.

I believe making Councils larger - **with how many Councillors?** - would disable the current efficient standard of the management of the minutiae of street by street issues - such as vehicle parking/traffic management, waste removals, building compliance, tree issues, etc. The close affinity between residents and their representatives for whom they voted - would suffer and be seriously diminished.

I believe The City of Sydney is well and truly "Fit for the Future" and the benefits of amalgamations would be insignificant and seriously diminish the high standards that are practiced by The Council of the City of Sydney.

Yours faithfully

Lorraine Foster

