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Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal
Local Government Decision
Review of Local Government
Act for future Proposals
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Dear Sir,

Re Submission to IPART Review

I am writing to oppose the proposal to amalgamate local Councils, particularly the City of Sydney where I work, live and invest.

The City of Sydney is currently the best local Council in NSW, it is a benchmark for other Councils.

Amalgamations have not resulted in better management and lower costs in most instances in cases where this has happened in Australia and overseas.

This has been noted by a number of qualified academic and other authorities. The NSW government has not produced any evidence would lead to better outcomes

The City of Sydney should be left as is and this is not only agreed to by myself & other business people it is the general consensus of over 80% of the residents.

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If the NSW government want to change things they should look at stop trying to change successful Councils. It could be surmised that this attempt is out of political spite as it is well known that State Government politicians have made a complete mess of local government when they had control prior to the 1970's and have tried to exert control back since Sydney became independent. This is just the latest attempt to get rid of independent local government which shows up their ineptitude.

I submit that if any change is made to make local government/council amalgamated then along with that they should be given complete control of planning, police, education health etc within their larger city/states and that the State Government be abolished. At least this would provide the much lauded "better efficiencies"

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