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Submission: I am opposed to the merger of the City of Sydney Council with surrounding Council's "Mega-Council" we believe that The City of Sydney Council large enough currently and at present servers it's constituents adequately. After the 2004 amalgamation with South Sydney Council resulted in many job losses from South Sydney Council Staff as well as Leichardt Council, these people had many years of service and lost there jobs due to this forces merger, a mega-Council merger would see the same result but on a greater scale and with no result as to any improvement of services for quality to the rate payers. Sydney City Council does provide large scale access to the wider Sydney population and interstate and overseas visitors, eg The Gay and Lesbian Mardi-Gras, New Years Eve Celebrations and many tourist venues, not only does this benefit the Sydney Council but the greater Sydney Population, I am deeply opposed to any merger with any surrounding Councils and I would hope that this will not be a forced merger as was the 2004 amalgamation that only lead to massive job losses for staff and leading them to the unemployment lines.