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yes, we have to ask where is the evidence that council amalgamations are beneficial .

all i know is that Clover IS interested in working to improve conditions for workers and residents (business and private) in the Sydney city council area. From what i have seen over the past few years Clover is actually doing what she says she will do, which is a far cry from the way many other civil servants are behaving. Sometimes small is beautiful, and Sydney city council is an example of the truth of that statement in this case regarding the practical functioning of a city council.

I live in forest lodge - previously it was under the leichhardt city council a few years back, and even the rubbish collection was a hit and miss thing - sometimes the trucks did not even turn up. but since we came under sydney city council, rubbish collection occurs every week. The trees along minogue crescent are trimmed regularly and the roads are cleaned daily. The parks are maintained regularly and upgraded to improve their beauty and functionality for the use of the locals

My feeling is you should not change the way sydney city council is operating - "when your on a good thing stick to it" -why mess around with it. there is a statement in the IT industry - "if it aint broke don't fix it - leave it as it is"

If the amalgamation goes ahead i bet sydney will not be fit for the future. At least now there is someone who is interested in sydney city council and the way it functions for the benefit of its residents, and there are plans in the pipeline now to keep sydney fit for the future - amalgamation is not one of them. If the other councils want to merge with each other - that's their business, but keep sydney city council out of the merging business.

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