



The Hon Tony Kelly MLC  
Minister for Rural Affairs  
Minister for Local Government  
Minister for Emergency Services  
Minister Assisting the Minister for Natural Resources  
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February 6, 2004

**Statement by the Minister for Local Government –  
City of Sydney and South Sydney Councils**

The Governor of NSW, Professor Marie Bashir, today approved the creation of a new – enhanced City of Sydney comprised of the former City of Sydney and South Sydney City Councils.

This follows the Minister for Local Government's acceptance of a unanimous recommendation from the independent NSW Boundaries Commission.

The new council will be elected on March 27, 2004.

The Governor has appointed Administrators for the interim period of February 6, 2004 to March 27, 2004. They are:

- Former Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney, Ms Lucy Turnbull,
- Former Mayor of South Sydney, Mr Tony Pooley and
- Director-General of the Department of Local Government, Mr Garry Payne

The Acting General Manager is Mr Robert Domm, former General Manager of the City of Sydney.

The Acting Deputy General Manager is Mr Michael Whittaker, former General Manager of South Sydney City Council.

The jobs of all staff employed by the City of Sydney and South Sydney will be transferred to the new council.

The Boundaries Commission found that the amalgamation will achieve an estimated one off savings of \$2million and annual savings of up to \$7million.

The new City of Sydney will be:

- financially stronger,
- better able to service ratepayers and
- better able to represent Sydney to the world.

"This decision today will improve the ability of the local government in the area to serve ratepayers and residents now and in the future", Mr Kelly said.

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