

Woollahra Municipal Council

Fit for the Future Community Surveys

Micromex Research Amalgamation Survey - April 2015

WMC Online Survey – March to June 2015

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Annexure 4

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Date: April 2015



Background



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Methodology & Sample

Data collection

Micromex Research, together with Woollahra Municipal Council, developed the questionnaire.

Data collection period

Telephone interviewing (CATI) was conducted during the period 24th – 31st March 2015.

Sample

N=600 interviews were conducted.

A sample size of 600 provides a maximum sampling error of plus or minus 4.0% at 95% confidence.

This means that if the survey was replicated with a new universe of n=600 residents, that 19 times out of 20 we would expect to see the same results, i.e. +/- 4.0%.

For the survey under discussion the greatest margin of error is 4.0%. This means, for example that the answer "yes" (54%) to the question on awareness could vary from 50% to 58% and the answer "no" (46%) could vary from 42% to 50%.

Interviewing

Interviewing was conducted in accordance with the AMSRS Code of Professional Conduct. Where applicable, the issues in each question were systematically rearranged for each respondent.

Data analysis

The data within this report was analysed using Q Professional.

Percentages

All percentages are calculated to the nearest whole number and therefore the total may not exactly equal 100%.



Sample Profile



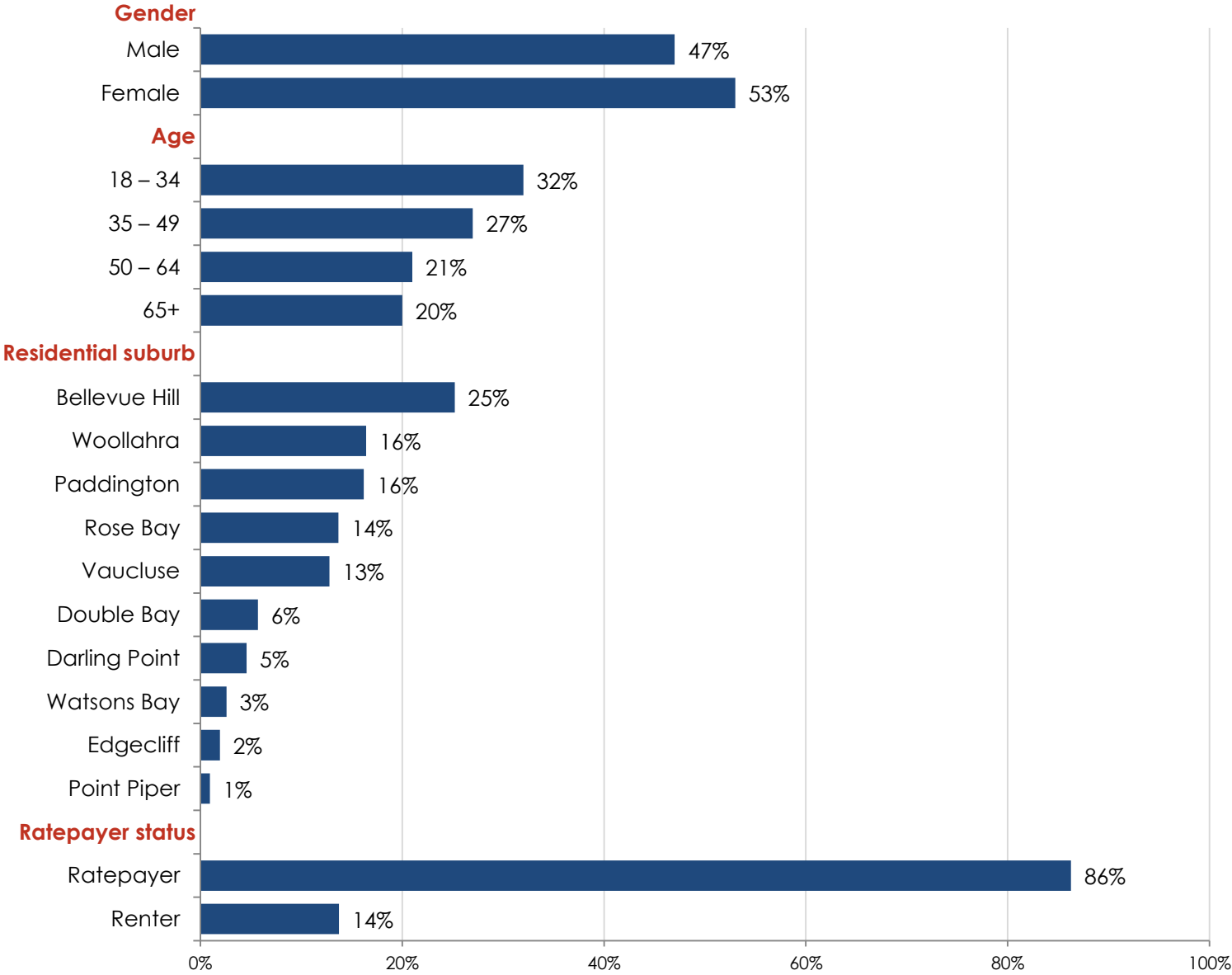
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Sample Profile

The sample was weighted by age and gender to reflect the 2011 ABS community profile of Woollahra



Base: n = 600

Results



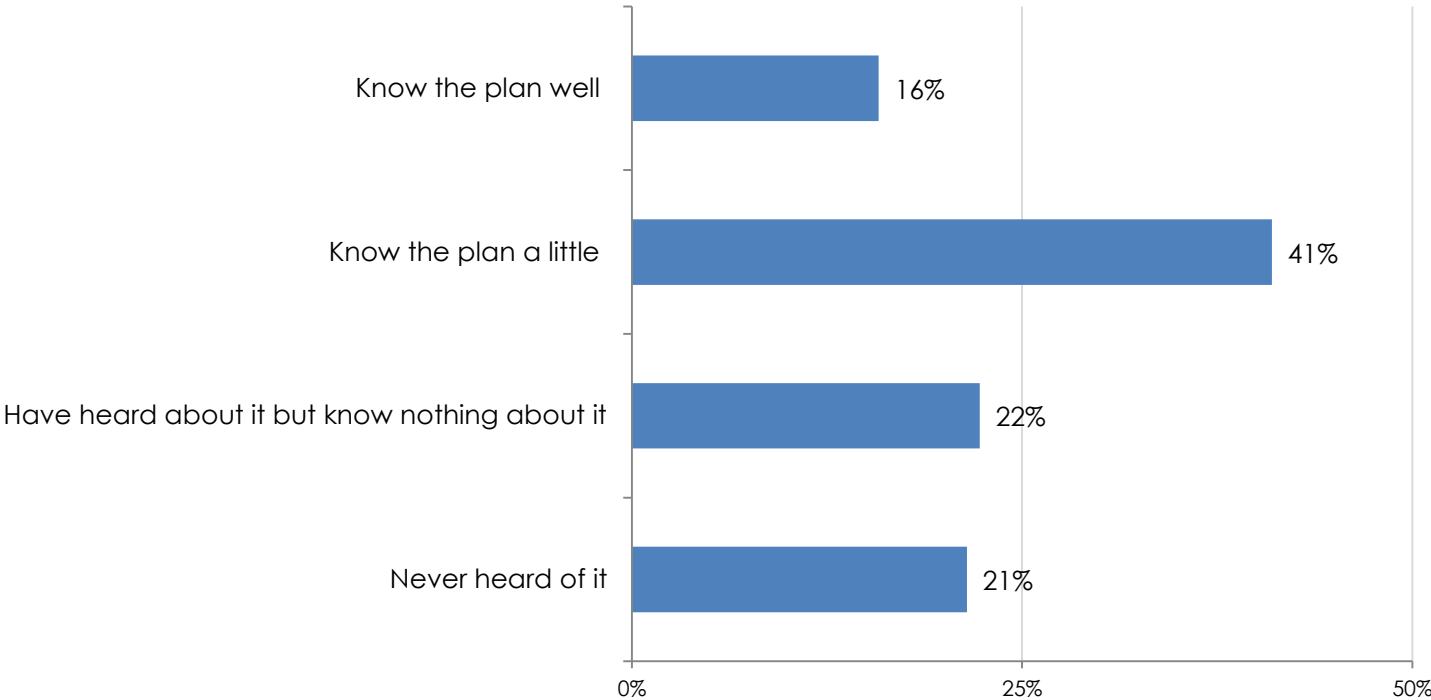
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Level of Awareness of Amalgamation Proposal

Q3. The NSW State Government is reviewing the Local Government system and is encouraging NSW local councils to consider amalgamation options to form new, larger councils. How aware are you of this plan?



41% of residents stated they 'know the plan a little'

Ratepayers were significantly more likely to 'know the plan well', whereas those aged 18-34 were significantly more likely to have 'never heard of it'

	Overall	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer
Base	600	282	318	192	162	126	120	518	82
Know the plan well	16%	19%	13%	13%	17%	17%	18%	18%▲	4%
Know the plan a little	41%	42%	39%	31%	38%	51%	47%	40%	42%
Have heard about it but know nothing about it	22%	20%	24%	13%	31%	22%	26%	19%	43%
Never heard of it	21%	19%	24%	44%▲	14%	9%▼	8%▼	23%	12%

▲ ▼ = significantly higher/lower than the overall

Concept Statement

Fit for the Future is the name given to the review of Local Government being carried out by the NSW State Government, in an effort to reduce the number of councils in NSW, and to make local government sustainable, efficient, and effective for future generations.

The preferred proposal from the State Government is that Woollahra Council with a population of 58,000 be amalgamated with the City of Sydney, Randwick, Waverley, and Botany Bay Councils, to form a 'Global City' Council for Sydney with a population of 505,000 (projected to be 670,000 by 2031).

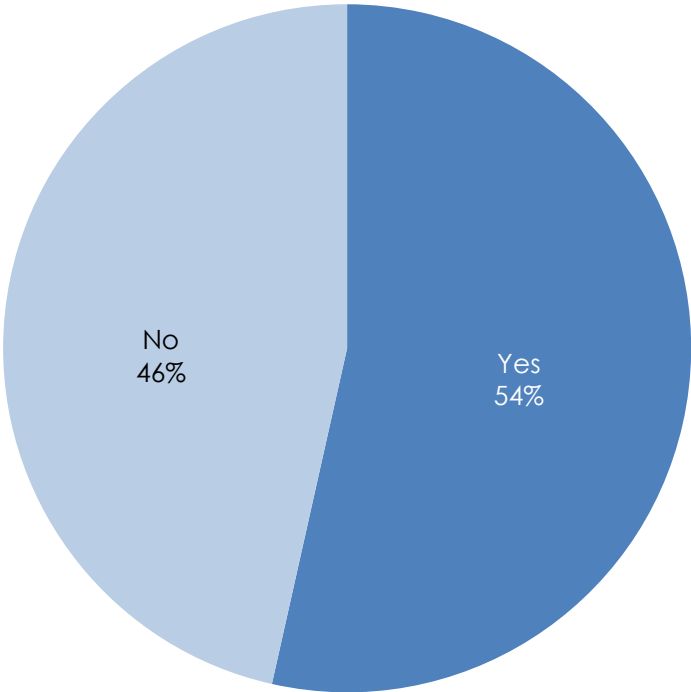
An argument supporting the Global City concept or amalgamation is that bigger councils are more financially sustainable and generally have greater capacity to influence and respond to strategic policies of the State Government. Access to State borrowing facilities and additional planning powers might also occur. Arguments against amalgamation include evidence that smaller councils are as efficient and sustainable as larger councils in delivering services to their community. Local councils focus on local priorities. Smaller councils enjoy the benefit of local connection and greater representation through ease of access to elected Councillors.





Awareness of Proposed ‘Global City’ Prior to Contact

Q4. Prior to this call, were you aware of this proposal?



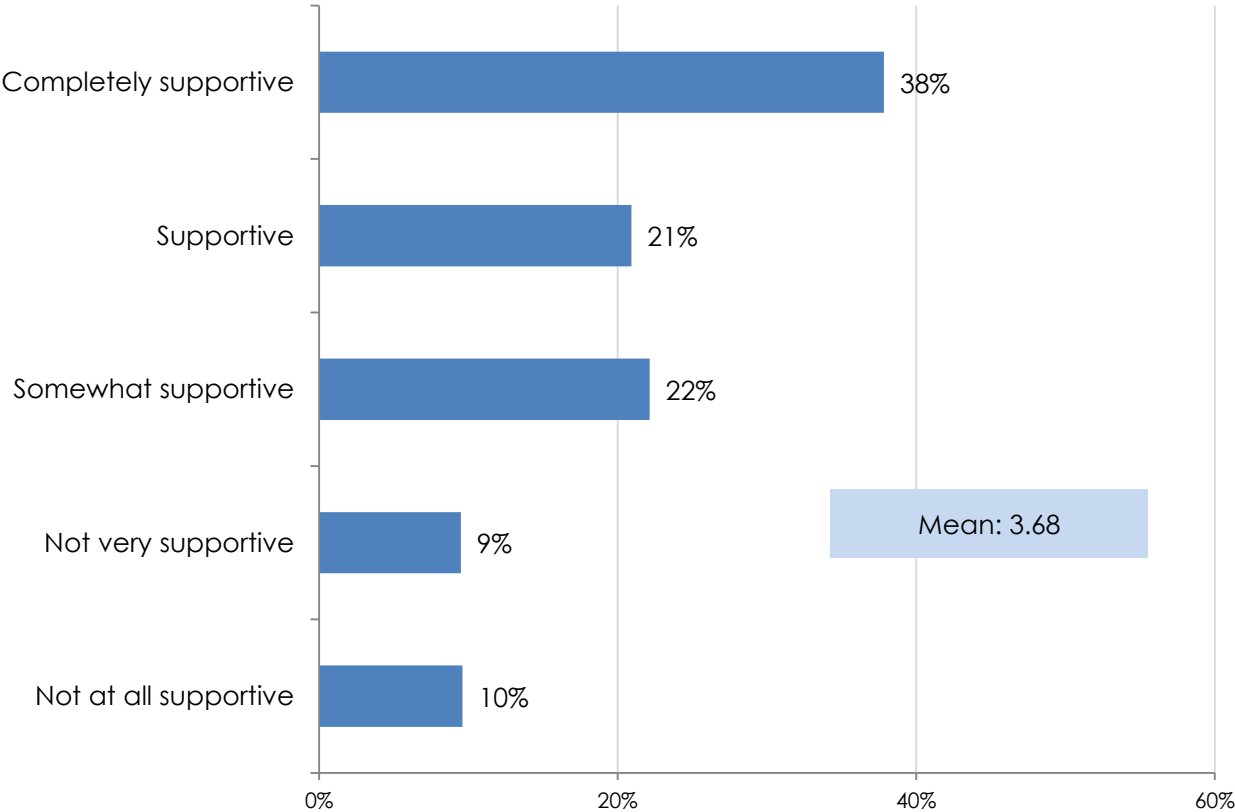
54% of residents had prior awareness of the ‘Global City’ proposal

	Overall	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer
Base	600	282	318	192	162	126	120	518	82
Yes	54%	57%	50%	44%	54%	58%	64%	54%	49%
No	46%	43%	50%	56%	46%	42%	36%	46%	51%



Support for Woollahra Standing Alone

Q5. How supportive are you of Woollahra Council pursuing its independence as a stand-alone council?



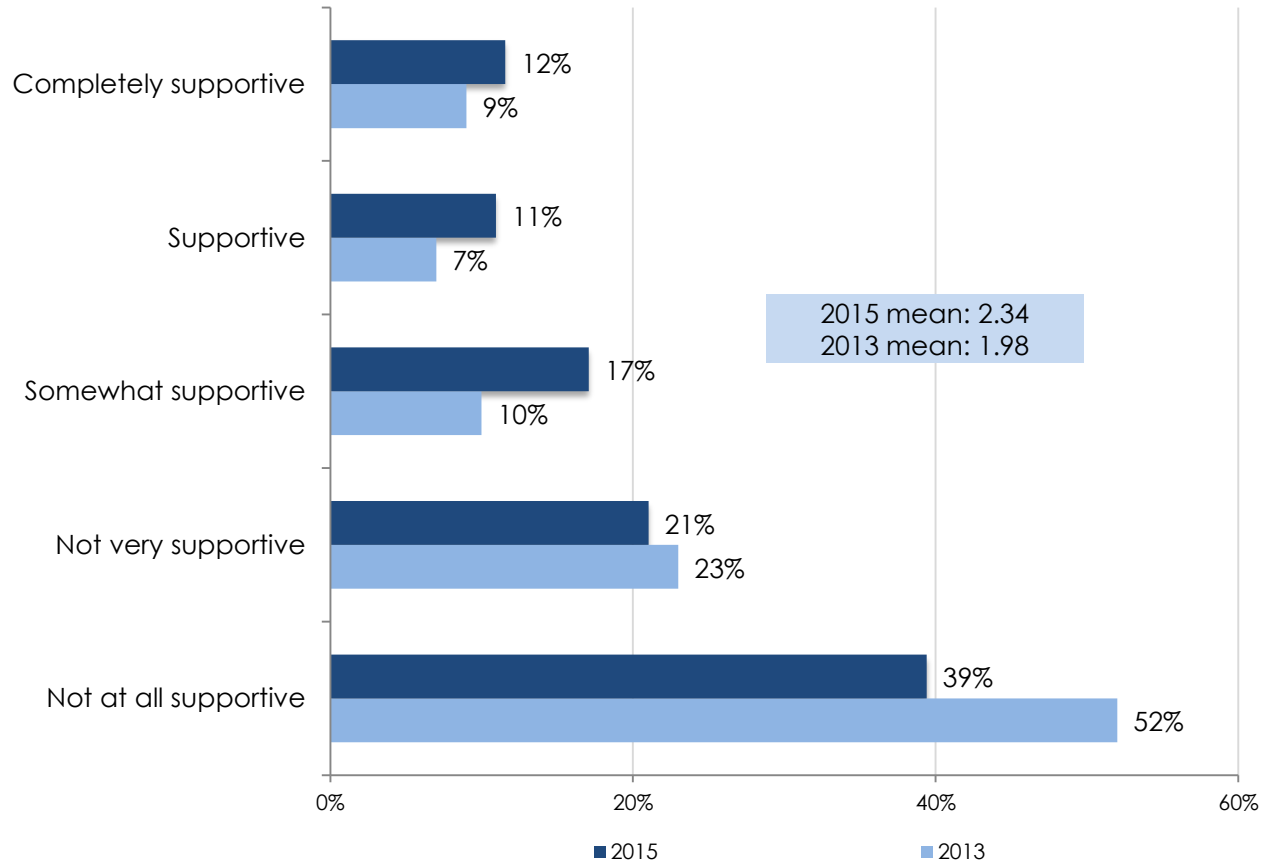
	Overall	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer
Base	600	282	318	192	162	126	120	518	82
Mean ratings	3.68	3.45	3.89	3.86	3.42	3.65	3.77	3.71	3.46

Scale: 1 = not at all supportive, 5 = completely supportive

81% of residents were at least 'somewhat supportive' of Woollahra Council standing alone

Support for 'Global City'

Q6. How supportive are you of Woollahra Council merging with the four other councils (City of Sydney, Randwick, Waverley, and Botany Bay) to form a Global City Council?



Support for the creation of the 'Global City' was low, with only 23% 'supportive' or 'completely supportive' of this option, however, this outcome is significantly higher than in 2013

	2015 Overall	2013 Overall	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer
Base	600	400	282	318	192	162	126	120	518	82
Mean ratings	2.34▲	1.98	2.41	2.28	2.43	2.54	2.24	2.05	2.31	2.54

Scale: 1 = not at all supportive, 5 = completely supportive

▲ ▼ = A significantly higher/lower level of support (by group)

Concept Statement

Woollahra Council supports the vast majority of the reforms to the system of Local Government proposed by the State Government which will assist it to remain financially sustainable and responsive to the communities' needs. However, Woollahra Council opposes the Government's proposal for amalgamation with other councils primarily because of:

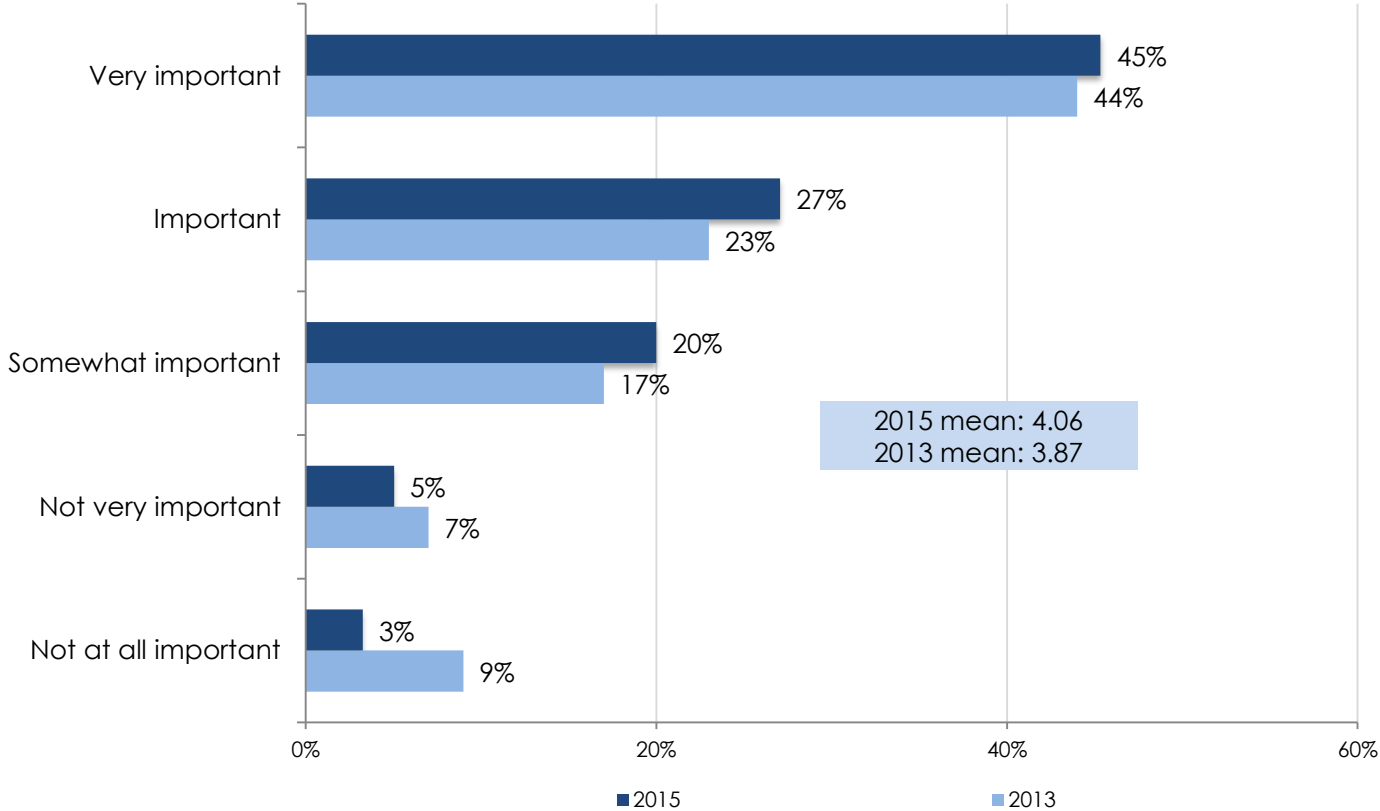
- Loss of local identity
- Previous community feedback opposing amalgamation
- Modelling that indicates rate increases for Woollahra of between 22% and 53%
- No demonstrated benefits or guaranteed service improvements
- Reduced local representation





Importance of Local Identity and Local Representation

Q7. How important is local identity and local representation to you?



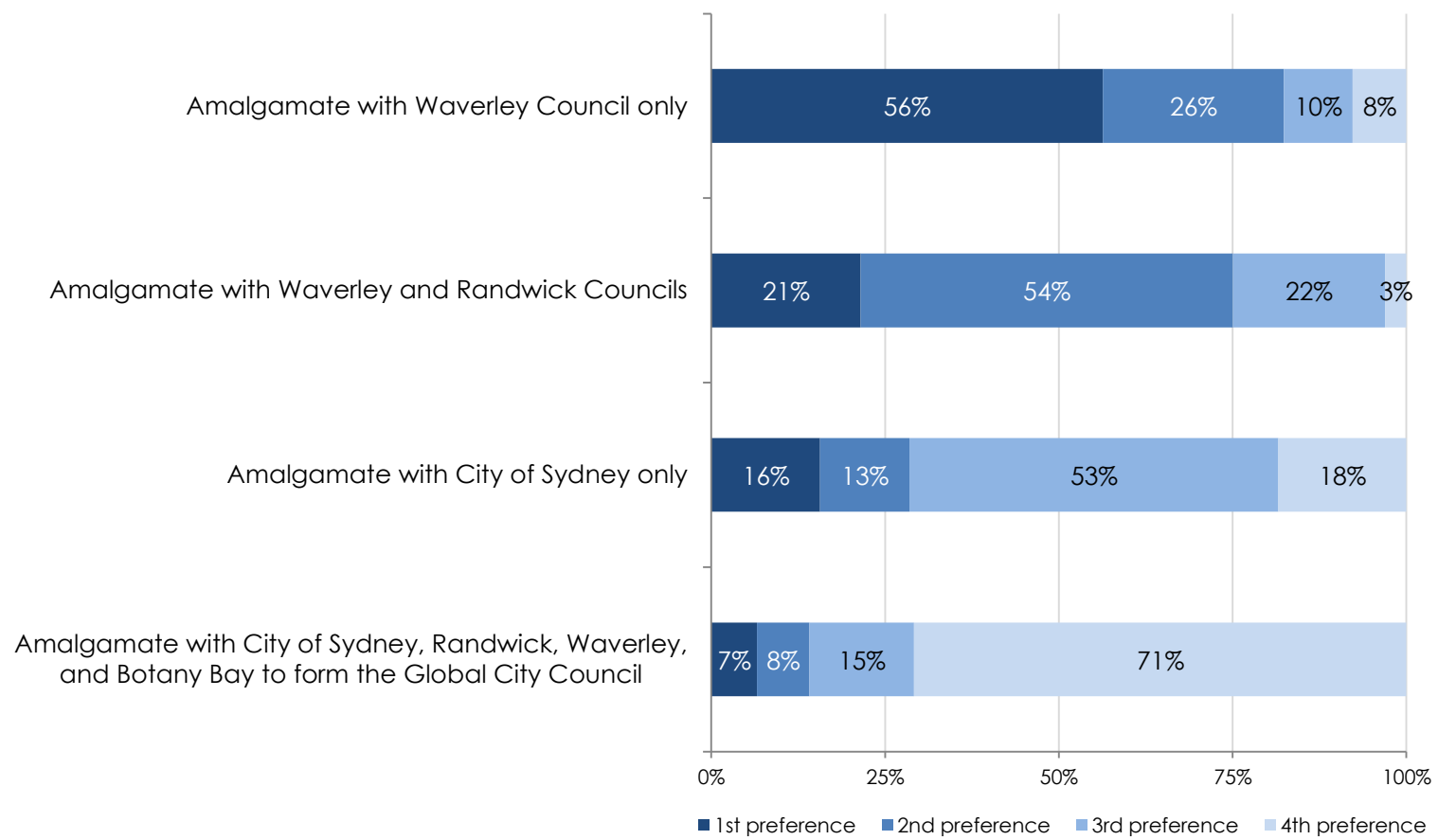
91% of residents expressed that local identity and local representation was at least 'somewhat important' to them – this outcome has significantly increased since 2013

	2015 Overall	2013 Overall	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer
Base	600	400	282	318	192	162	126	120	518	82
Mean ratings	4.06▲	3.87	3.98	4.13	4.01	4.03	4.07	4.19	4.10	3.84

Scale: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important
▲ ▼ = A significantly higher/lower level of support (by group)

Ranking of Proposed Options

Q8a. If the State Government were to force Woollahra Council to amalgamate into a Global City or with a combination of other councils, please rank the following in order of preference:



Base: n = 596-599

Note: For a detailed table of this question run by demographics, please see Appendix

With the option of standing alone eliminated, residents' preferred option was to merge with Waverley Council (56%)



Residents primarily preferred to merge with Waverley due to the proximity of the area and similar demographics

Residents' predominant reason for selecting to merge with Waverley and Randwick Councils was the similar needs/requirements of the areas

Reasons for Preference

Q8a. If the State Government was to force Woollahra Council to amalgamate into a Global City or with a combination of other councils, please rank the following options in order of preference:

Q8b. Why do you say that?

Amalgamate with Waverley Council only n = 336	Count
Geographically/demographically appropriate	252
Similar interests and will allow Woollahra to maintain its local identity	65
Smaller council area/small-scale merger	52
Believe it will be beneficial for areas/communities to be combined	24
Economically efficient	15
Believe it will improve current services/facilities	10
Best option available	9
Reduction of bureaucracy	5
Prefer not to amalgamate with the City of Sydney	4
Do not support any of the amalgamations, but Waverley is the best option if forced	3
Easier access to local council members	1
Good cooperation between the two councils	1
Greater efficiency/capacity to influence and respond	1
Needs to be an amalgamation	1
Require more information about the effects of amalgamation	1
Amalgamate with Waverley and Randwick Councils n = 128	Count
Have similar needs/requirements	47
Geographically/demographically appropriate	38
Economically efficient	15
Believe it will be beneficial for areas/communities to be combined	11
Keep a focus on the local areas	6
Believe it will improve current services/facilities	5
Do not wish to join with City of Sydney/City of Sydney will become too powerful	5
Maintain local identity	5
Greater efficiency/capacity to influence and respond	4
Gradual change with a small amalgamation	3
Manageable population	2
Prefer to amalgamate on a smaller scale to keep local voice	2
The best option available	2
No specific reason	1
Require more information	1
Too many councils in New South Wales	1



The main reason for selecting to amalgamate with City of Sydney was the belief that it will be a beneficial merger

Residents' predilection for the creation of a 'Global City' was due to economical reasons

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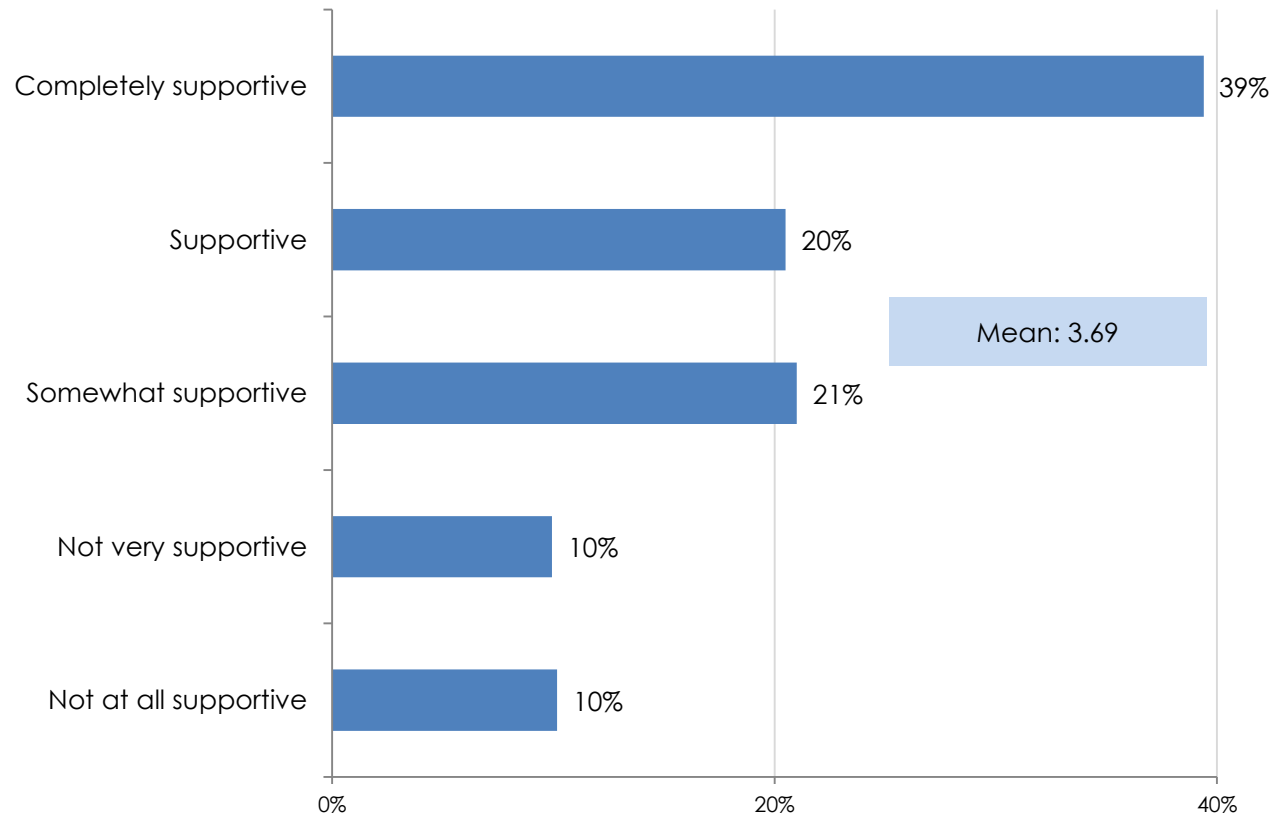
Q8b. Why do you say that?

Amalgamate with City of Sydney only n = 93	Count
Believe it will be beneficial for areas/communities to be combined	60
Economically efficient	25
Geographically appropriate	22
Believe it will improve current services/facilities	14
Greater efficiency/capacity to influence and respond	12
Paddington is already half joined with City of Sydney	7
Require more information about the effects of amalgamation	3
Believe it will give a broader perspective of development/infrastructure	2
Smaller population/area than in a larger merger	2
Greater transport opportunities	1
Reduction of bureaucracy	1
No specific reason	1
Global City n = 39	Count
Economically efficient	18
Geographically appropriate	16
Greater efficiency/capacity to influence and respond	15
Reduction of bureaucracy	15
Believe it will be beneficial for all areas/communities to be combined	11
Believe it will improve current services/facilities	4
Previously experienced successful amalgamations	2
Consistent/standardised services/facilities	1
Don't believe the amalgamation will cause any issues	1
Increase in professionalism of councillors	1
Supportive of this option due to the information received	1
Suggested evidence indicates a larger council works	1
To keep local council areas and abolish the State Government	1
Refused to rank/provide response n = 3	Count
Do not support amalgamation with any council	1
Not enough information provided to make decision	1
Refusal to answer	1



Support for Council Opposing Forced Amalgamation

Q9a. How supportive are you of Woollahra Council opposing forced amalgamations by the State Government?



80% of residents were at least 'somewhat supportive' of Woollahra Council opposing forced mergers by the State Government

	Overall	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer
Base	600	282	318	192	162	126	120	518	82
Mean ratings	3.69	3.53	3.83	3.73	3.48	3.72	3.88	3.72	3.52



Reasons for Supporting Council Opposing Forced Amalgamation

Q9a. How supportive are you of Woollahra Council opposing forced amalgamations by the State Government?

Q9b. Why do you say that?

Supportive/Completely supportive n = 359	Count
Opposed to amalgamation - Woollahra to remain as it is/Satisfied with current service/Unable to see the benefits for each community if amalgamated	206
Smaller councils can achieve better outcomes/Focus on local issues may dissipate if merged	98
Amalgamation will result in a loss of identity/Want to preserve history of the area	51
A local council is more accessible, personal, and had a better rapport with the community	47
The State Government should not have the authority to force amalgamations - there should be a democratic decision	38
Woollahra is very different, has different interests, and is financially distinct from the proposed councils	33
Different rate structures of different councils could force a rate increase	15
Do not agree with the size of a 'Global City' population/Merge on a smaller scale	11
Dislike the idea of funding other areas if merged	10
Require more information about the positives/negatives of amalgamating and standing alone	5
Disagree with having a large government body that might cause more issues	4
Don't believe amalgamations can be successful	4
Council is currently difficult to work with, a larger council might be worse	3
Council should resolve its own issues and not have to take on those of other councils	3
Do not want to live in a large council area	3
Increased bureaucracy as a result of amalgamation	3
Less chance of corruption within a smaller council	3
Against amalgamating with certain proposed councils	2
Amalgamation by force should be a last resort, only if no reasonable conclusion can be reached	2
Financially irresponsible as a lot of money will be used to resolve the logistics of a merger	2
Only the State Government will see benefits of an amalgamation	2
Do not trust large councils	1
Fewer issues will arise from a smaller council	1
Increased rates would be worth it in order to maintain and increase services	1
Large scale amalgamations in other areas should not be an example of success as Woollahra is different	1
There will be a loss in jobs if merged	1
Too many council employees if merged	1
Woollahra is already a large area	1



Reasons for Somewhat Council Opposing Forced Amalgamation

Q9a. How supportive are you of Woollahra Council opposing forced amalgamations by the State Government?

Q9b. Why do you say that?

Somewhat supportive n = 120	Count
Require further information about benefits of standing alone and of amalgamating	31
Supportive of amalgamation because it will streamline services and finances if local focus is kept	14
Merger should not be forced and should be the community's democratic decision	10
Believe amalgamation is inevitable	8
Neutral on the subject	6
Satisfied with how Council is currently operating	6
Can see benefits of both amalgamating and standing alone	5
Supportive of a small-scale merger	5
Amalgamating is economically efficient	4
Dissatisfied with Council	3
Supportive of whatever Woollahra Council's decision is	3
Amalgamation is a positive option to encourage progression	2
Do not want to see loss of identity in the area	2
Local issues may get overlooked	2
Merger will see a reduction of bureaucracy	2
No specific reason	2
A larger, more locally based council would be beneficial	1
Believe Council wanting to stand alone is for selfish reasons	1
Believe information provided by Council in relation to standing alone is biased	1
Better coordination of services/facilities - removal of service duplication	1
Divided interest within the Council	1
Do not want rates to rise	1
Financially beneficial to remain as a small council	1
Local representation is much more appealing	1
Moderate level of support because dubious about corruption in council	1
Not in favour of an amalgamation but would not object if the State Government forced it	1
Supportive of amalgamation but afraid there will be representation issues	1
There is a need to amalgamate	1
Unable to see how the 'Global City' merger is beneficial	1



Reasons for Not Supporting Council Opposing Forced Amalgamation

Q9a. How supportive are you of Woollahra Council opposing forced amalgamations by the State Government?

Q9b. Why do you say that?

Not very supportive/Not at all supportive n = 121	Count
Economically efficient to amalgamate	22
No specific reason/supportive of amalgamation	20
A larger council would be more efficient and responsive to requests/opinions of the community	18
Merger will ensure a reduction of bureaucracy/Reduce the number of councils in the area	16
Dissatisfied with Council's ability/delivery of service and don't believe they can manage their own issues	12
Amalgamation is needed to ensure progression	9
Believe Council wanting to stand alone is for selfish reasons	5
Merger might improve delivery of services	5
Require further information about benefits in order to be supportive	5
Supportive of amalgamating on a small scale	5
Believe amalgamation is inevitable	4
An amalgamation of small councils would not benefit the community	3
Less chance of corruption in a larger council	3
Previously experienced successful amalgamation	3
Better coordination of services/facilities - removal of service duplication	2
Supportive of amalgamating, but do not wish to be forced	2
Woollahra Council area is too small	2
Amalgamation is geographically appropriate	1
Believe information provided by Council in relation to standing alone is biased	1
More professional councillors in a larger council	1

Conclusion



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Conclusion

With regards to the NSW State Government encouraging NSW local councils to consider amalgamation options in order to form new, larger councils, 41% of residents claimed they 'know the plan a little', and 16% felt they knew the plan well.

91% of residents rated the importance of local identity and local representation to be at least 'somewhat important'. This outcome has significantly increased since 2013, which reflects the strong level of support for Council to stand alone and oppose forced amalgamation.

The majority of residents were at least somewhat supportive of Council standing alone (81%) and 80% of residents were at least somewhat supportive of Council opposing forced amalgamation.

Key drivers for opposing forced amalgamation include:

- Wanting Woollahra to remain as it is due to satisfaction with the current standard of service, and an inability to perceive any benefits of amalgamation
- Belief that smaller councils can achieve better results and the focus on local issues may dissipate if merged into a larger council
- Amalgamation would result in a loss of identity, and residents want to preserve the history of the area

However, if the State Government were to force the amalgamation, residents would prefer to amalgamate with Waverley Council only (56%).

Key drivers for amalgamating with Waverley Council include:

- Waverley is geographically and demographically appropriate to merge with
- They hold similar interests, and a merger would allow Woollahra to maintain its local identity
- It would mean a small-scale merger



Appendix



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Ranking of Proposed Options

Amalgamate with City of Sydney, Randwick, Waverley, and Botany Bay to form the Global City

Q8a. If the State Government was to force Woollahra Council to amalgamate into a Global City or with a combination of other councils, please rank the following options in order of preference:

	Overall	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer
Base	599	281	318	192	162	125	120	517	82
1st Preference	7%	7%	6%	0%	10%	11%	8%	6%	9%
2nd Preference	8%	11%	4%	7%	13%	5%	5%	5%	23%
3rd Preference	15%	12%	18%	24%	4%	15%	15%	17%▲	3%
4th Preference	71%	70%	72%	69%	73%	69%	73%	72%	66%

▲▼ = significantly higher/lower



Ranking of Proposed Options

Amalgamate with City of Sydney only

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2nd Preference	13%	12%	14%	6%	20%	11%	16%	13%	11%
3rd Preference	53%	54%	52%	56%	51%	52%	52%	54%	45%
4th Preference	18%	17%	20%	31%	10%	14%	14%	18%	23%



Ranking of Proposed Options

Amalgamate with Waverley Council only

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	Overall	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer
Base	596	281	316	192	160	125	120	514	82
1st Preference	56%	55%	58%	69%	44%	54%	55%	56%	59%
2nd Preference	26%	24%	28%	31%	21%	24%	26%	27%	18%
3rd Preference	10%	11%	9%	0%	19%▲	14%	10%	9%	13%
4th Preference	8%	11%	5%	0%	16%▲	9%	8%	7%	9%

▲ ▼ = significantly higher/lower



Ranking of Proposed Options

Amalgamate with Waverley and Randwick Councils

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2nd Preference	54%	53%	54%	56%	46%	60%	53%	54%	48%
3rd Preference	22%	24%	20%	19%	26%	20%	24%	19%	39%
4th Preference	3%	2%	4%	0%	1%	8%▲	5%	3%	2%

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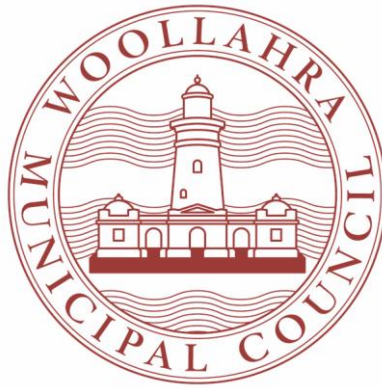


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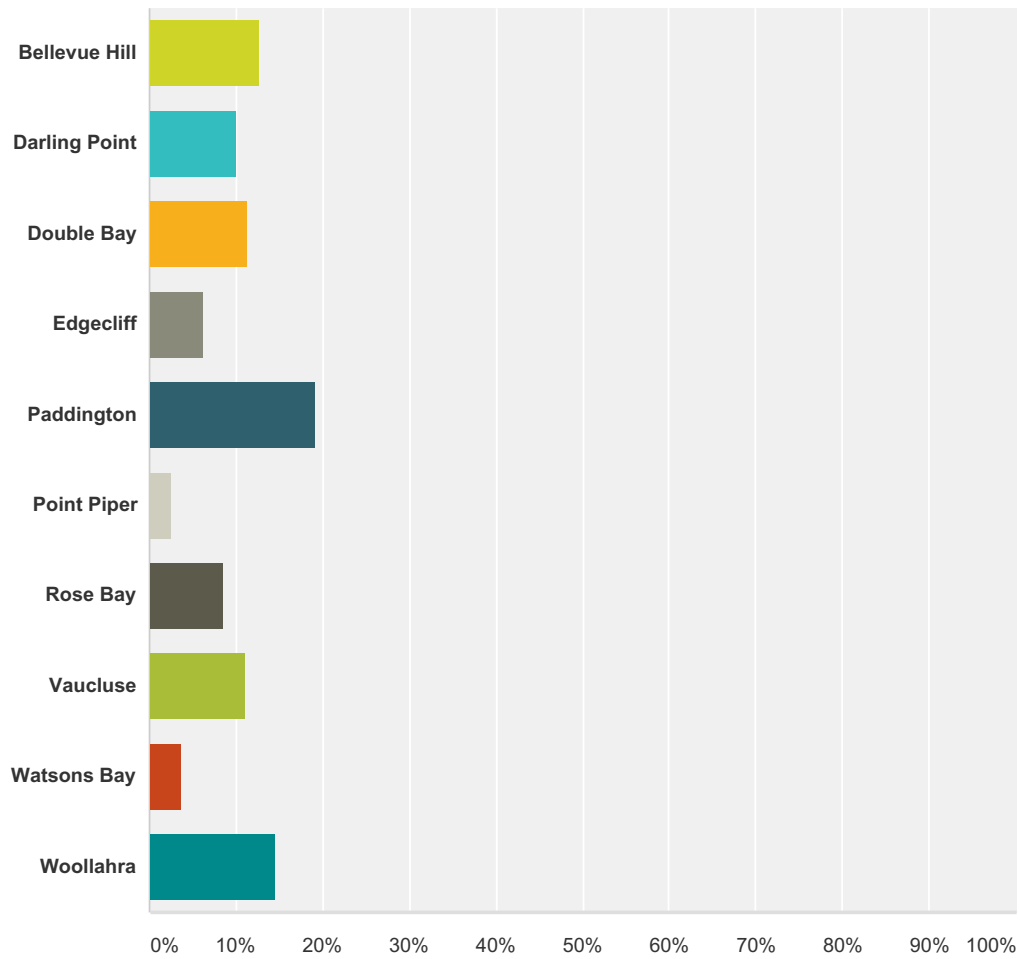
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Q1 In which suburb do you live?

Answered: 675 Skipped: 20



Answer Choices	Responses
Bellevue Hill	12.74% 86
Darling Point	10.07% 68
Double Bay	11.26% 76
Edgecliff	6.22% 42
Paddington	19.11% 129
Point Piper	2.52% 17
Rose Bay	8.59% 58
Vaucluse	10.96% 74
Watsons Bay	3.85% 26
Woollahra	14.67% 99
Total	675

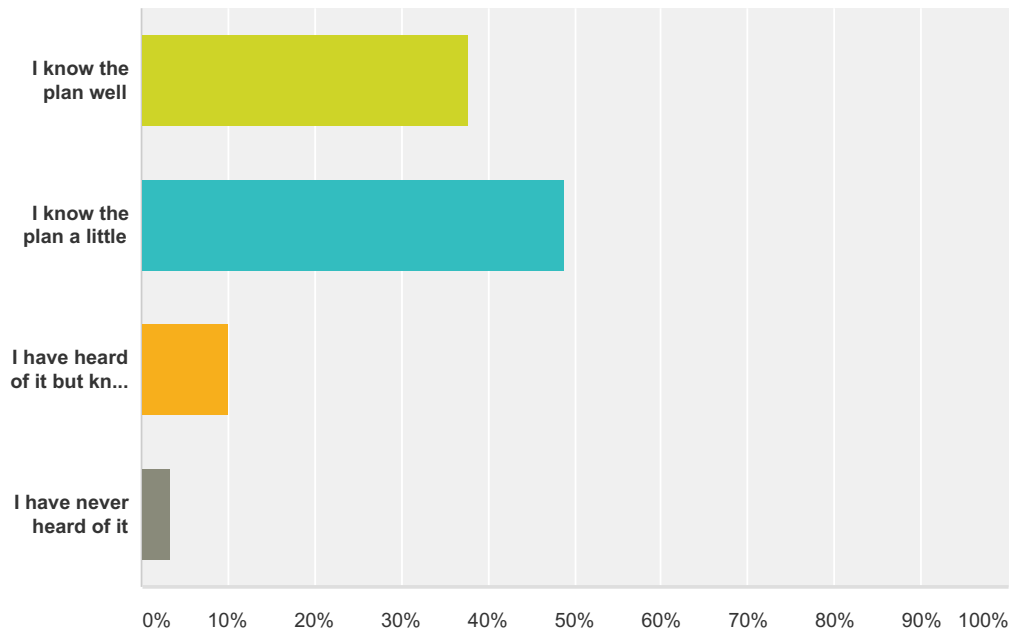
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2	Bondi Beach	6/4/2015 6:39 PM
3	Camperdown	5/26/2015 7:02 PM
4	I have a rental property there	5/24/2015 12:48 PM
5	Elizabeth Bay	5/21/2015 2:55 PM
6	Elizabeth Bay	5/21/2015 2:41 PM
7	Rosebery	4/23/2015 1:28 PM
8	Own property in Rose Bay but currently live overseas.	4/23/2015 1:53 AM
9	Caboolture shire Qld	4/22/2015 12:26 AM
10	Also have property at Edgecliff	4/7/2015 6:10 PM
11	Bondi Junction (Waverley)	4/3/2015 12:33 PM
12	Dover Heights	3/31/2015 3:53 PM
13	woollahra	3/26/2015 2:26 PM

Q2 How aware are you of this plan?

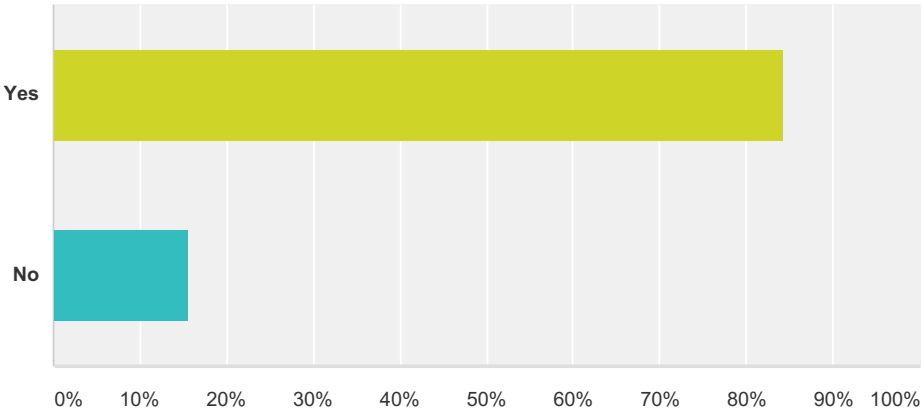
Answered: 670 Skipped: 25



Answer Choices	Responses	
I know the plan well	37.76%	253
I know the plan a little	48.81%	327
I have heard of it but know nothing about it	10.00%	67
I have never heard of it	3.43%	23
Total		670

Q3 Prior to taking part in this survey were you aware of this proposal?

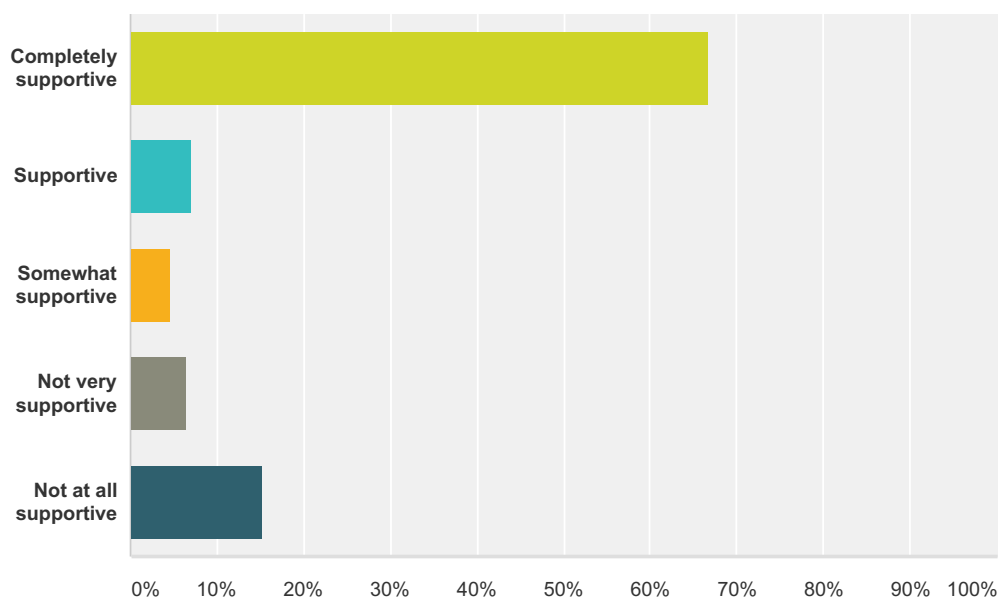
Answered: 667 Skipped: 28



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	84.26%	562
No	15.74%	105
Total		667

Q4 How supportive are you of Woollahra Council pursuing its independence as a stand-alone Council?

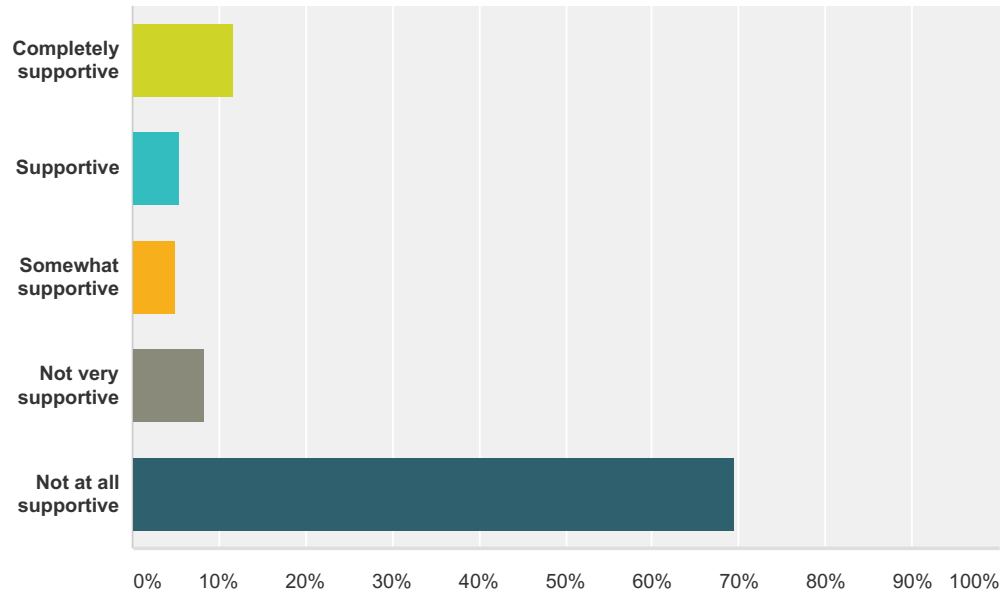
Answered: 671 Skipped: 24



Answer Choices	Responses	
Completely supportive	66.77%	448
Supportive	7.00%	47
Somewhat supportive	4.62%	31
Not very supportive	6.41%	43
Not at all supportive	15.20%	102
Total		671

Q5 How supportive are you of Woollahra Council merging with the four other Councils (City of Sydney, Randwick, Waverley and Botany Bay) to form a 'Global City' Council?

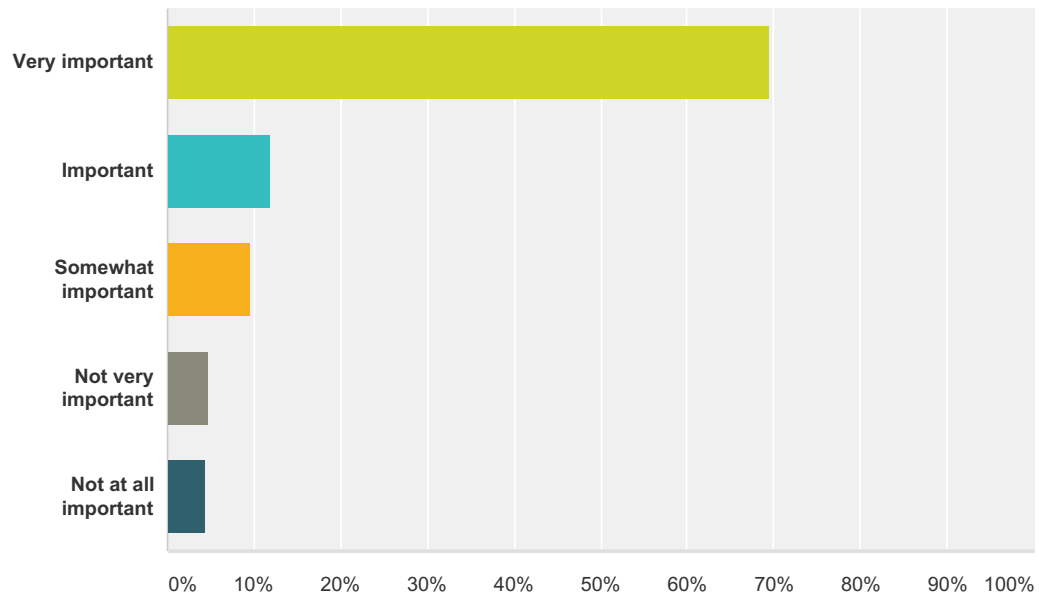
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Completely supportive	11.62%	78
Supportive	5.37%	36
Somewhat supportive	5.07%	34
Not very supportive	8.35%	56
Not at all supportive	69.60%	467
Total		671

Q6 How important is local identity and local representation to you?

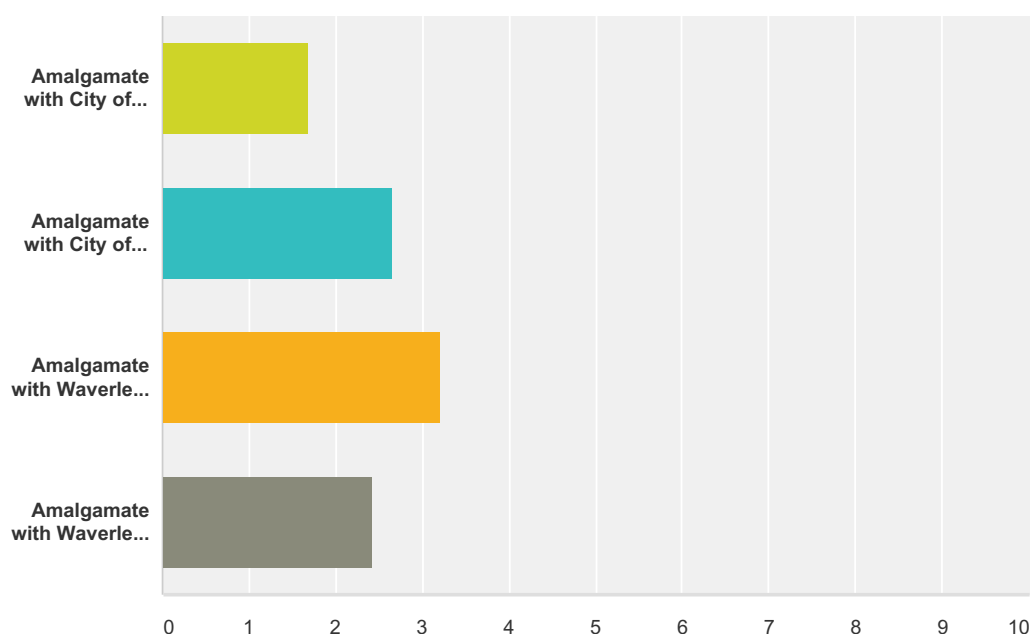
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	69.46%	464
Important	11.83%	79
Somewhat important	9.58%	64
Not very important	4.79%	32
Not at all important	4.34%	29
Total		668

Q7 If Woollahra Council was forced to amalgamate, please rank the following options in order of preference:

Answered: 647 Skipped: 48



	1	2	3	4	Total	Score
Amalgamate with City of Sydney, Randwick, Waverley, and Botany Bay to form the 'Global City' Council	10.82% 70	11.13% 72	14.68% 95	63.37% 410	647	1.69
Amalgamate with City of Sydney only	27.98% 181	23.34% 151	35.24% 228	13.45% 87	647	2.66
Amalgamate with Waverley Council only	53.32% 345	22.72% 147	17.00% 110	6.96% 45	647	3.22
Amalgamate with Waverley and Randwick Councils	7.88% 51	42.81% 277	33.08% 214	16.23% 105	647	2.42

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Q8 Why did you choose that?

Answered: 564 Skipped: 131

#	Responses	Date
1	Unless we get a lot better services or rate reduction we don't want to merge with councils with financial difficulties	6/30/2015 7:27 AM
2	i do not want to amalgamate but waverley is the closest	6/29/2015 3:59 PM
3	LESS IS MORE	6/27/2015 3:20 PM
4	merging with waverley gives scale but not too big	6/27/2015 10:18 AM
5	Because botoany bay seems a litte too far away	6/26/2015 7:47 PM
6	smaller is better	6/26/2015 5:31 PM
7	Woollahra is a Global precinct Waverley and Botany are Not	6/26/2015 2:38 PM
8	more interests in common	6/26/2015 1:14 PM
9	Ranked the options by similarity of area	6/26/2015 11:46 AM
10	Least amalgamations, less in common with W,R & BB	6/25/2015 5:18 PM
11	Because you do not provide any other acceptable options - what about the commitment from the state government for no forced amalgamations?	6/25/2015 2:47 PM
12	Residence of city of sydney have different needs to Woollahra residence	6/24/2015 7:27 PM
13	i would not like to merge however this is the best of the worst	6/24/2015 3:34 PM
14	if there is amalgamation it should be all or nothing, preferably nothing	6/24/2015 2:26 PM
15	because I do not want amalgamate with other council and no tangible benefits for Woollahra residents	6/24/2015 12:28 PM
16	no preference as does not know other councils	6/24/2015 10:09 AM
17	Most closely aligned council	6/24/2015 9:30 AM
18	Because a larger council will cause a loss of identity for Woollahra. If another council had to be amalgamated I believe that City of Sydney would be more appropriate as suburbs such as Paddington are similar demographically.	6/24/2015 8:51 AM
19	It is our nearest neighbour	6/24/2015 8:18 AM
20	If we must amalgamate, I would prefer it be done with fewer, more local councils	6/23/2015 10:39 PM
21	For financial reasons	6/23/2015 7:42 PM
22	I live in Woollahra, its people are rich hoarding turds. They can learn to share the wealth a little. Also i dont like being told by rich businessmen who actively are ruining area (intersection, oxford st) telling me what to do	6/23/2015 6:28 PM
23	Do not want amalgamation at all	6/23/2015 5:36 PM
24	bigger the better	6/23/2015 1:52 PM
25	less amalgamation	6/22/2015 9:55 PM
26	Sydney is run by Clover Moore who is a nightmare, so NO. then it is a matter of keeping as smallas possible	6/22/2015 7:46 PM
27	cannot answer this PROPERLY as would need to know more about each council	6/22/2015 4:37 PM
28	Because I consider that a similarity exists between Woollahra and Waverley local government areas in terms of cultural identity and size. City of Sydney should remain as a stand alone entity. Equally Randwick and Botany Bay local government areas appear to be a more natural 'fit'.	6/21/2015 12:42 PM
29	Better service provision, more efficient	6/19/2015 11:03 AM
30	Closer match in demographics	6/18/2015 6:39 PM
31	Because it is the smallest option	6/17/2015 12:59 PM

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32	The City of Sydney has large amounts of cash in the bank at least 500,000,000 and hopefully the rates would become less expensive	6/17/2015 12:22 PM
33	The smaller the better	6/16/2015 10:16 AM
34	Service level by Woollahra council is third world standards	6/15/2015 4:57 PM
35	forcing anything on a supposedly democratic society when we have clearly stated that we do not wish to amalgamate flies in the face of democracy itself and is highly disappointing. I chose based on the council most aligned with Woollahra. The City council has a very different profile and my fear is our local character would be diluted and even destroyed by the City suburbs	6/13/2015 10:49 AM
36	least objectionable	6/13/2015 6:21 AM
37	Woollahra Council does NOTHING for the rate payers of Woollahra---we are the forgotten suburb of the Council	6/12/2015 10:40 AM
38	boundaries & developed level	6/11/2015 4:48 PM
39	Because the two are closely linked geographically and share the same identity. I fear that we'd get lost if we became part of the Global City or joined with City of Sydney only	6/11/2015 3:24 PM
40	Minimize size; limit inequality	6/10/2015 6:30 PM
41	Smaller Councils address local issues better	6/10/2015 1:47 PM
42	smaller amalgamation	6/10/2015 8:04 AM
43	I support the amalgamations, its more efficient & a good idea. I find it difficult to justify Woollahra standing alone	6/8/2015 7:01 PM
44	Our rather small municipality would be forgotten	6/6/2015 12:01 AM
45	WMC should cease to exist as rapidly as possible. Nobody misses redfern council	6/4/2015 9:24 PM
46	I think identity and community is important. The smaller the council the better. I work in the building industry and submit DA and CDC applications all the time. I want to know the person I am dealing with at Council.	6/4/2015 6:53 PM
47	best option	6/4/2015 4:40 PM
48	chose 1 because it seems the least bad of 4 very bad options. None of the options offer a good outcome for Woollahra Council	6/4/2015 1:03 PM
49	Common sense	6/3/2015 11:26 PM
50	The only financially viable solution	6/3/2015 8:52 PM
51	Small Council = better services & representation	6/3/2015 3:49 PM
52	Amalgamation with Waverley creates the smaller body of all options. to be subsumed into the City of Sydney alone or with other Councils and the City of Sydney will destroy any identity that Woollahra has other than a "city" - which it is not - it is a municipality.	6/3/2015 3:32 PM
53	commercially sympathetic to Double Bay	6/3/2015 1:18 PM
54	Financially in + territory	6/3/2015 11:42 AM
55	I was forced to. Do not wish for any amalgamation. the bigger the worse	6/3/2015 11:30 AM
56	you obliged me to make a choice	6/3/2015 11:13 AM
57	most likely proposal	6/3/2015 10:39 AM
58	better governance from City	6/2/2015 7:20 PM
59	It would be the least bad option	6/2/2015 4:18 PM
60	City of Sydney get things done	6/2/2015 12:36 PM
61	They are our closest neighbour with similar demographic	6/1/2015 10:36 PM
62	Because I think it less likely.	6/1/2015 6:37 PM
63	Having lived within Waverley council, I do not support their waste of monies.	6/1/2015 12:21 PM
64	Community of interest	5/31/2015 1:31 PM
65	Keep us much local or if not Eastern Suburbs identity as possible	5/31/2015 12:10 PM

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66	Have property in paddington edgecliff and rates higher in woollahra WC DOES NOT ENCOURAGE GOOD BUSINESS SOLUTIONS IN OXFORD ST PADDINGTON ie parking metres by WMC ON NORTHSIDE OF RD NO PARKING METRES SOUTH SIDE. DA APPROVALS COMMERCIALY AND RESIDENTIALLY NEED MAJOR REVIEWING CREATION OF BONDI JUNCTION INTO EXTENSION IF SYD CBD IN FUTURE THE UNREMARKABLE TERRACES IN OXF ST BONDI JUNCTION WHICH HAD BEEN HERITAGE LISTED AND DEVELOPERS HAD TO KEEP FACADES. Ridiculous sight. Bring in electric/ solar slimline trams/ trains. Bring in more outdoor eating businesses and not charge businesses as you will get your rates from biz. Your operations are old fashioned and need mega upgrade. One authority to cover many precincts is the way to go. Travelling in sweden Denmark wi fi everywhere on buses and trains. Get on the path for smarter cleverer thinking. No one is more important than any one else so combine brains and brilliance to develop smart thinking. Ps I have lived in paddo and watsons bay since 1982 and seen the negativity of WC re DA AND BA s and after Westfield was built paddo was a disaster. Landlords part blame. But you brought in parking metres???????????? I go for UNITED WE STAND	5/31/2015 12:06 PM
67	The govt has already passed legislation to give businesses 2 votes to 1 vote of residents for city of sydney amalgamating with city of sydney means developer / commercial interest votes and hence interests would swamp residents votes and interests- Waverley council is hob sons choice because they have already destroyed the amenity of residents with over development	5/31/2015 10:02 AM
68	I like the strategies of City of Sydney. I do not like the strategic plans for waverly and Botany Bay	5/30/2015 2:39 PM
69	best option for residents	5/30/2015 1:55 PM
70	Proximity	5/29/2015 7:44 PM
71	the smaller any new amalgamation the better	5/29/2015 5:23 PM
72	I considered possible common ideas and goals	5/29/2015 1:46 PM
73	I would rather not have to choose at all. Don't agree with amalgamation !!	5/28/2015 11:08 PM
74	Waverley is the most similar geographically.	5/28/2015 2:18 PM
75	It's important to keep local issues within the precinct ie keep everyone closer together	5/28/2015 1:08 PM
76	more local the better	5/28/2015 9:04 AM
77	A larger LGA has more potential to provide effective services to the community	5/28/2015 12:52 AM
78	Sydney has strongest tcorprating	5/27/2015 11:02 PM
79	Merge similar physical areas.	5/27/2015 6:43 PM
80	If it's forced on us then only with one other council waverley	5/27/2015 6:30 PM
81	Waverly and city and woolahra share some similarities, beaches, water, heritage listings	5/27/2015 4:33 PM
82	The smaller the amalgamation the better	5/27/2015 12:57 PM
83	Alignment of interests	5/27/2015 12:53 PM
84	I have lived in all except Botany and apart from Woollahra Sydney is the best run and dog friendly. WE HATE WAVERLEY, ITS MAYOR AND ANTI DOG POLICIES AND SOLD IN BONDI TO ESCAPE ITS OVERCROWDING. We love the local identity and neighbourhood spirit in Woollahra	5/27/2015 12:01 PM
85	Similar size. Would like to keep better service with smaller concentrated councils	5/27/2015 11:32 AM
86	Commonality of beach / harbour boundaries	5/27/2015 10:48 AM
87	In most cases the more focused an organisation the better and more responsive performance and results. There is also a better outcomes around specific issues that confront each separate Council.	5/26/2015 3:50 PM
88	Woollahra Council has no interest in people who live outside of Double Bay or Bellevue Hill.	5/26/2015 11:01 AM
89	More closely aligned	5/26/2015 10:36 AM
90	seems the lesser of the evils of amalgamation	5/25/2015 11:32 PM
91	Waverley and Woollahra are very similar in approach to DA planning consent and are direct location neighbours.	5/25/2015 1:33 PM
92	City of Sydney is an wealthy council and would not be a drain on finances	5/25/2015 10:43 AM
93	Best option in keeping Woolhara special	5/25/2015 10:13 AM
94	Waverley closest in profile to Woollahra. Anything else is too big. Little point in having local representation if it is not that - local.	5/24/2015 11:21 PM

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95	I don't want to see the other councils using Woollahra as a "bank" thinking it is a totally wealthy council. there are many many rate payers who are NOT wealthy.	5/24/2015 10:09 PM
96	Feel Waverley similar to Wollahra	5/24/2015 6:28 PM
97	the less the better	5/24/2015 12:51 PM
98	greater local understanding and representation	5/24/2015 10:20 AM
99	greater local representation	5/24/2015 10:00 AM
100	I do not feel that Rose Bay is currently represented very well under the current Woollahra Council. We do not have a Councillor that represents Rose Bay and as a result we have massive traffic issues and an over representation of property developers and commercial businesses instead of representation of residents. City of Sydney seems to have a better balance.	5/23/2015 8:45 PM
101	Prefer to stand alone but if we have to amalgamate would prefer option with smallest population	5/23/2015 5:46 PM
102	lower rates than others	5/23/2015 2:28 PM
103	Councils more residential aligned	5/23/2015 10:21 AM
104	The smaller the better	5/23/2015 9:49 AM
105	Neighbouring councils, comparable land values, use facilities in both councils.	5/23/2015 9:11 AM
106	To ensure appropriate scale and future strategic direction for the Council.	5/22/2015 9:41 PM
107	More in common with Waverley	5/22/2015 7:12 PM
108	Only if stupidly "forced"	5/22/2015 6:11 PM
109	Best option to retain local character	5/22/2015 6:00 PM
110	Due to proximity and preservation of beachside suburbs	5/22/2015 5:19 PM
111	More efficient, more effective management	5/22/2015 5:04 PM
112	Economies of scale and less developer/wealthy influence	5/22/2015 5:03 PM
113	these are more residentially focused councils	5/22/2015 5:02 PM
114	Business and employment	5/22/2015 4:13 PM
115	City of Sydney has more in common with Woollahra, it is a harbour side area with heritage area in common with Paddington. Waverley, Randwick and Botany has nothing in common with Woollahra.	5/22/2015 4:07 PM
116	Closest to Woollahra's needs	5/22/2015 1:53 PM
117	Keep it local	5/22/2015 1:44 PM
118	TO RETAIN INDIVIDUAL IDENTITY	5/22/2015 1:29 PM
119	I think the ointerests and standing of the two come closest to matching	5/22/2015 12:57 PM
120	I am not in favour of large councils and loss of identity.	5/22/2015 11:18 AM
121	Randwick Council in my opinion offers much better services to residents	5/22/2015 10:43 AM
122	City of Sydney are a fabulous council. The larger the better in terms of creating an administrative unit with real power at the local level to offset power of state and federal governments.	5/22/2015 10:28 AM
123	Because I've heard terrible things about dealing with City of Sydney Council	5/22/2015 2:38 AM
124	I prefer Woollahra stand alone and do not want total amalgamation	5/22/2015 12:51 AM
125	Waverley would more closely approximate the local area identity and values of a council which I support .city of sydney amalgamation would provide no guarantees on service standards and we would be swallowed up and face a real prospect of higher rates and costs for no no service improvement offering .The mega council sounds superficially attractive but in reality Woolahra would be come a bit player with little effective voice and a milking cow for additional rates to redistribute revenue away from the constituency to other areas which have no relation to where we live now .there is no evidence of mismanagement or incompetence in how Woolahra is Mangaged at present	5/22/2015 12:15 AM
126	To keep local government local	5/21/2015 11:50 PM
127	as little amalgamation as possible	5/21/2015 10:11 PM

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128	CoS council is a very effective progressive council that understands and acts on the issues around sustainability in general and climate change, population growth, urbanism and the importance of high quality design and public space.	5/21/2015 9:07 PM
129	Most common of interests and local to Woollahra	5/21/2015 7:17 PM
130	It would provide so manyore opportunities to be part of Sydney	5/21/2015 6:53 PM
131	City has good record of looking after amenities	5/21/2015 6:46 PM
132	I feel the less councils being bought together the better, too complex , political & unwieldily, we need some representation that we feel understood as locals	5/21/2015 6:28 PM
133	the fewer councils the better	5/21/2015 6:25 PM
134	The 2 better run councils	5/21/2015 6:06 PM
135	Better services and retains eastern beaches identity.	5/21/2015 5:21 PM
136	LOCAL AS APPOSED TO CITY OF SYDNEY	5/21/2015 5:03 PM
137	none of the above I cannot answer that question it does not provide for my answer	5/21/2015 4:56 PM
138	I like Randwick.	5/21/2015 4:50 PM
139	Access to significantly increased rates from business rates in Sydney city.	5/21/2015 3:35 PM
140	Bigger is not better smaller councils are more efficient	5/21/2015 3:10 PM
141	i like my access to councillors in a small local council	5/21/2015 3:09 PM
142	City of Sydney larger population & well managed.	5/21/2015 3:00 PM
143	Larger is not better - Council services are all important and a massive council will loose touch with residents	5/21/2015 2:33 PM
144	dont trust waverley or randwick	5/21/2015 2:04 PM
145	Woollahra has a closer "identity" with Randwioc and Waverley than teh others which are largely commercial/industrial	5/21/2015 12:21 PM
146	I think this would serve our area best	5/21/2015 12:11 PM
147	Sydney city seems to put the most money back into its area	5/21/2015 10:12 AM
148	Otherwise too big	5/21/2015 7:17 AM
149	All bar woollahra are progressive coyncils	5/20/2015 8:53 PM
150	City of sydney is very orogressive	5/20/2015 8:50 PM
151	At least with Wavely (e.g.) Bondi I see some commonality	5/20/2015 8:11 PM
152	the smallest amalgamation possible	5/20/2015 7:46 PM
153	because, thats my preference	5/20/2015 10:16 AM
154	Smallest to largest. Most preferred areas to least	5/19/2015 10:16 PM
155	Sydney councils city of villages policy	5/19/2015 8:22 PM
156	you dont give me a real option - who wants clover, who wants sally	5/19/2015 7:40 PM
157	want to stay small and with a neighbouring suburb	5/19/2015 1:51 PM
158	So we can remain independant and keep the community feel	5/8/2015 10:34 AM
159	We have very little in common with any other council. I would not agree with amalgamation with anyone else under any circumstance.	5/7/2015 10:38 PM
160	the smallest increase and least disruptive to loosing local identity	5/5/2015 5:41 PM
161	becouse is proper	5/5/2015 2:20 PM
162	I trust Clover Moore	5/4/2015 12:23 PM
163	Waverley Council is preferable Council to amalgamate with, if forced to do so.	5/4/2015 10:53 AM
164	to stay as local as possible, in order	5/3/2015 5:04 PM

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165	Woollahra, Waverley & Randwick Councils operate in predominantly residential areas whereas City of Sydney while having some residential is predominantly business focussed which has quite different needs.	5/3/2015 1:39 PM
166	City suburb property prices	5/3/2015 11:58 AM
167	Not sure mate	5/3/2015 10:18 AM
168	similarity	5/2/2015 5:14 PM
169	because we have similar park and heritage plans	5/2/2015 2:49 PM
170	To retain maximum identity	5/2/2015 9:43 AM
171	City of Sydney is a great council, I have another unit within the council and woollahra is very difficult and provide little service and above all is very expensive	5/2/2015 8:36 AM
172	Bigger the better	5/1/2015 3:46 PM
173	This one geographic area that deserves a total view by one council. My experience in Melbourne of the amalgamation of Kew, Camberwell and Hawthorn proved that it works.	5/1/2015 10:01 AM
174	ambience	5/1/2015 9:53 AM
175	Seems best solution	5/1/2015 12:03 AM
176	I believe that local representation and contact with Councillors would be reduced the larger the amalgamated group; also the City of Sydney has good public domain treatments and services; I don't believe that the efficiencies and economies of a very large scale Council are as hinted at by the State Government	4/30/2015 10:29 PM
177	its our neighbour	4/30/2015 7:46 PM
178	Its issues are closer to ours in Woollahra	4/30/2015 7:37 PM
179	i choose neither	4/30/2015 7:14 PM
180	City of Sydney seems progressive unlike Waverley (appalling job at managing Bondi alone!) which is why I added Randwick - to further balance the impact of joining Waverley.	4/30/2015 5:51 PM
181	It is ridiculous in these enlightened times to continue to have Local Govt boundaries that were founded in the days of horses and carts. An optimal size of some 300k residents would afford better economies of scale and reduce the duplication of many services (Rubbish collection, roads and drains construction & maintenance, library services to name a few. Why do we need so many Mayors with their "Office Trappings", one set of building & other regulations on one street and another set for a neighbouring street etc. As you have chosen to provide a very limited number of options I have selected those that approximate 300k residents. And Yes "Bigger is indeed better" hence my third Ranking. My real preference would be to have a "clean sheet" with boundaries drawn so as to take into account a better distribution of resources/amenities and other defined criteria. Simply amalgamating Councils will lead to infighting and "territorialism".	4/30/2015 4:01 PM
182	Ambience closest to here	4/30/2015 3:39 PM
183	Because I prefer local representation	4/30/2015 3:34 PM
184	maintain small council	4/30/2015 3:17 PM
185	I'm in favour of a larger council and amalgamation with Waverley and Randwick would achieve the desired size.	4/30/2015 1:22 PM
186	To maintain woollahra's individuality; do not want to increase rates; more say in local Woollahra matters; opposed to amalgamation	4/30/2015 1:14 PM
187	most compatible	4/30/2015 11:25 AM
188	I would prefer that Woollahra amalgamate with Randwick only but that was not an option offered	4/29/2015 10:58 PM
189	Because I think Waverley council has a similar identity	4/29/2015 10:41 PM
190	Randwick and Botany are too different and Waverley is so badly run	4/29/2015 8:24 PM
191	Sydney better managed than Waverley	4/29/2015 8:19 PM
192	Smaller is better	4/29/2015 3:50 PM
193	Difficult to choose between Sydney City or Waverley	4/29/2015 3:23 PM
194	Best fit.	4/29/2015 12:57 PM
195	least worst options, local is best smaller is wholesome	4/29/2015 12:13 PM

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196	Woollahra has the most in common with Waverley, therefore the greatest synergies and potential efficiencies. There are few common elements with City of Sydney and Botany. City of Sydney is about to have major population growth and a huge increase in apartments, which will create specific requirements and issues which are very different to the needs of Woollahra, not to mention Sydney CBD is Australia's business capital.	4/28/2015 11:28 PM
197	City of Sydney	4/28/2015 11:15 PM
198	I think Woollahra is more similar to Waverly than any of the other councils, with City of Sydney second. I think merging with all four is a bad idea because it will mean less focus on issues which only affect Woollahra.	4/28/2015 6:59 PM
199	We need scale and capacity	4/28/2015 5:50 PM
200	Woollahra would be stronger & take on the "Arrogant" & "Heartless" & "Greedy" Government	4/28/2015 4:08 PM
201	Very impressed with Mayor Clover Moore.	4/28/2015 1:24 PM
202	Would prefer the council is smaller and 'local' therefore represents local interests.	4/28/2015 12:12 PM
203	one to two council max won't lose sight but City of Sydney is too big already and would lose any sense of local	4/28/2015 11:28 AM
204	Eastern Suburbs Council would be best rather than 'Global City'	4/28/2015 11:22 AM
205	Local councils are by definition about local matters & smaller, local amalgamations if forced would better serve that purpose	4/28/2015 9:49 AM
206	Would not want to merge with Waverley due to the chance that Sally Betts would remain as mayor.	4/27/2015 9:40 PM
207	I support paddington being 100% under one council! but don't like the idea of a massive council as I fear it will become very political and not respond to local needs	4/27/2015 8:05 PM
208	Because	4/27/2015 2:03 PM
209	Because Waverley Council shares the Eastern Suburbs peninsular from South Head Cemetery and would have far more aspects of local government in common than the proposed 'Global City'..	4/27/2015 1:47 PM
210	Bigger is bEtter buy the city is different to Waverley and randwick	4/27/2015 11:28 AM
211	City of Sydney have strong govt representation	4/27/2015 10:47 AM
212	Remains smaller. Less likely impact on council rates?	4/26/2015 9:25 PM
213	more alignment between waverley adn woollahra	4/26/2015 7:24 PM
214	City of Sydney is organised and strategic. This would be a good thing for Paddington.	4/26/2015 5:40 PM
215	smaller is better	4/26/2015 1:24 PM
216	Because I want to the funds to keep Paddington Library open on Sunday and City of Sydney is doing really good things with its Surry Hills library.	4/26/2015 12:22 PM
217	Paddington is split with City of Sydney already and needs to be "put back together". And City of Sydney has lots of cash so rates could not possible go up.	4/26/2015 11:37 AM
218	The least amalgamation the better	4/25/2015 2:20 PM
219	Sydney City is different but the other councils sure sufficiently Si,liar to merge	4/25/2015 11:59 AM
220	size	4/24/2015 5:53 PM
221	LESS DIVERSITY OF IDEAS TO DEAL WITH AND THEREFORE LESS WASTAGE OF OUR MONEY	4/24/2015 1:02 PM
222	The city of sydney is wealthy and it has made impressive progress	4/23/2015 8:38 PM
223	I strongly support local government be representative of local residences , businesses, facilities, services and resources. Also deal with a local government that is known, answerable and responds in a friendly , informed and accessible way. I don't believe that amalgamation into larger local government administrations and beaurocracies which are less attentive, efficient and responsive to resident and local community values and needs.	4/23/2015 7:48 PM
224	Lest worst option and local area.	4/23/2015 7:27 PM
225	The traffic problems which dog the area would be better solved by having the weight of the City Council. Also the City has proved to be more efficacious in the design of street closures and their effectiveness in the overall traffic movement. The totally ludicrous attempts to establish cycle ways in Paddington are as lethal to pedestrians as to cyclists.	4/23/2015 6:37 PM
226	Think City of Sydney better run Council. They are more in line with Woollahra and our heritage and the uniqueness of living by our beautiful Sydney Harbour.	4/23/2015 6:03 PM

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227	Sydney City Council are more proactive and efficient in keeping streets swept, clean and tidy. Woollahra are very lacking in this area	4/23/2015 4:26 PM
228	Amalgamation is wrong for Woolhara! We don't need to combine with other councils for any reason and as such should not be forced to do so.	4/23/2015 4:07 PM
229	Because City of Sydney is a great progressive council that acts on sustainability and understands community and doesn't kow tow to the big end of town, respects the feel and ambience of its local centres, is always trying to improve areas for its residents. Its residents come first not developers.	4/23/2015 3:21 PM
230	If forced, a Vote 1 would result in a truly strong, world body, and not just a petty, squabbling, small, weak, rate-rising, unimportant localised voice.g	4/23/2015 3:05 PM
231	I own property within City of Sydney and I like the way it operates.	4/23/2015 3:00 PM
232	I think their needs are complementary	4/23/2015 1:55 PM
233	The less councils Woollahra amalgamates with the better	4/23/2015 1:32 PM
234	I am totally opposed to any form of amalgamation	4/23/2015 1:17 PM
235	I much prefer the achievements of the City of Sydney compared with the poor maintenance and achievements of Woolahra Council	4/23/2015 1:13 PM
236	Logical merge	4/23/2015 12:35 PM
237	Waverley and Woollahra have some degree of similarity and synergies, but there is none with the other councils.	4/23/2015 11:02 AM
238	That's what I'd prefer	4/23/2015 10:36 AM
239	I feel that would result in the most efficient administration.	4/23/2015 10:31 AM
240	Importance of adequate representation for Woollahra on a "new" Council area.	4/23/2015 10:14 AM
241	Geography	4/23/2015 9:17 AM
242	I oppose amalgamation . These are increasing population sizes	4/23/2015 9:11 AM
243	These councils are closer aligned with our area	4/23/2015 8:32 AM
244	Demographic and land-use similarities. Woollahra is nothing like the City; most like Waverley then Randwick.	4/23/2015 1:53 AM
245	Because the City of Sydney is the only Council I think is doing a good job. In the absence of only a merger with the City, then you may as well get as much of a regional approach -to cut essentially 'dead wood' from these fairly badly run organisations.	4/22/2015 11:55 PM
246	Clover Moore	4/22/2015 11:32 PM
247	I want local council to be as it was intended, as small representative bodies that are in touch with the local community and manage local issues and not a huge conglomerate that is out of touch with the local issues. Leave Local Council alone, abolish State Government, and build stronger local councils with one Federal government.	4/22/2015 11:02 PM
248	Seems most logical	4/22/2015 10:43 PM
249	CoS provides an exceptional level of service and amenities. They are constantly improving areas of the city and making plans for the future. As a previous resident of COS I fully support an amalgamation with them. Woollahra is far behind COS in maintenance of amenities, public lighting, events, communication and development of services for the future - childcare centres, playgrounds, cycling lanes - the list goes on. I would chose COS to live in anyway.	4/22/2015 9:11 PM
250	City of Sydney is a terrific Council. Woollahra could learn much from the way it conducts its affairs. Woollahra Council is insular and only treats people well when they agree with what Council is doing. Woollahra Council treats people with contempt. especially with regard to commercial developments and their impact. Little is offered to the community in terms of activities at key times, such as school holidays. Community services and activities are practically non-existent. My ideal scenario would be to amalgamate with City of Sydney and Waverley.	4/22/2015 8:35 PM
251	Do not believe it is in residents benefits to merge with other councils. If forced to choose, I preferences Waverley as local needs and identities are most similar. The others were just a follow on from the previous premises and forces ranking.	4/22/2015 8:29 PM
252	I think that Waverley and Woollahra are more similar than other councils	4/22/2015 8:24 PM
253	I have nothing to do with those other suburbs but I work in the City of Sydney.	4/22/2015 7:22 PM

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254	least worst options, local is best smaller is wholesome	4/22/2015 7:19 PM
255	Merging with Waverly might be an improvement. They are our neighbours, if joined we may be able to get a better result for the Bondi Junction area which is an eye-sore. Also Waverley residents seem to get a better deal regarding parking permits.	4/22/2015 7:14 PM
256	Woollahra + Waverley seems like a sane amalgamation for population and common interest. The rest I'm just sorting by lowest impact.	4/22/2015 7:05 PM
257	Economies of scale and professionalism of services	4/22/2015 7:01 PM
258	Least worst option	4/22/2015 6:51 PM
259	Because in Ald only the original council does more for it's direct council area	4/22/2015 12:32 AM
260	Trying to keep local character.	4/21/2015 5:10 PM
261	Competentacy of management	4/21/2015 3:12 PM
262	I like the sevices Waverley Council offer	4/21/2015 2:02 PM
263	I like the way it is. There's that old saying ... "If it ain't broken, then don't fix it."	4/21/2015 10:06 AM
264	Waverley and Sydney probably have similar demographics and the smaller council size the better.	4/21/2015 8:23 AM
265	Larger representation area	4/20/2015 5:06 PM
266	Randwick and Botany Bay have different demographics and larger population. Nothing good is going to come out of that for woollahra.	4/18/2015 7:36 PM
267	I live in Paddington which is split with the City of Sydney anyway. I find it ridiculous that one suburb is split across two council areas. I believe that the larger council option is too big; however Woollahra Council is too small to operate by itself. If there is any merge, the City of Sydney should be included.	4/18/2015 3:26 PM
268	More aligned with Sydney	4/17/2015 1:49 PM
269	why not	4/17/2015 8:03 AM
270	Similar regional focus, demographics and community requirements	4/17/2015 7:52 AM
271	If we have to amalgamate I would only want it to be with city of sydney not the other	4/16/2015 9:33 PM
272	I think amalgamation is necessary for efficiency, but concerned 505k people may be too many	4/16/2015 3:40 PM
273	similar areas - city of sydney is unique as a major cbd area & botany is unique with container terminal & other industry. Waverley, Randwick & Woollahra have very similar profiles	4/15/2015 9:10 PM
274	Keeping more local	4/15/2015 1:16 PM
275	Trying to keep as close as possible to area - otherwise too many disparate concerns	4/15/2015 12:29 PM
276	Minimise high density development	4/15/2015 12:04 PM
277	Still retains partial local identity. City of Sydney is business and not related to Woolahra residential at all.	4/15/2015 10:36 AM
278	Because I do not trust other councils which are poorly run	4/14/2015 1:46 PM
279	Bigger Councils will be more efficient and still retain democratic principles. Our present size is not appropriate.	4/14/2015 12:56 PM
280	Similar land value, to keep eastern suburb identity	4/14/2015 10:39 AM
281	a global city council has no appeal to me whatsoever.	4/13/2015 10:02 PM
282	The more amalgamation the better	4/13/2015 2:58 PM
283	City of Sydney is very different to the other Eastern Suburb Councils therefore should not be included within the amalgamation, however I would rather see some amalgamation rather than none at all.	4/13/2015 2:29 PM
284	none of the above is my vote i only did this because i was forced to	4/12/2015 9:44 PM
285	Works perfectly in SE Qld and has done for decades	4/12/2015 12:57 PM
286	It works perfectly in SE Qld & has done for decades!!	4/12/2015 12:52 PM
287	If amalgamations are forced, major rates increased would be imminent. Merging with a sydney city will have the lower impact.	4/12/2015 8:38 AM
288	Woollahra's ratepayers will be disadvantaged if merged with any Council.	4/12/2015 8:31 AM

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289	Amalgamation of more aligned interests, Half as big as State proposal	4/10/2015 7:51 PM
290	Paddington would be reunited in one council area, with better attention to heritage being afforded by this. The global city model unacceptably reduces local representation and causes a wipeout of local identity, so my choices are guided by putting this option last and working backwards. I oppose all options.	4/10/2015 7:02 PM
291	City of Sydney is not in tune with our needs	4/10/2015 5:20 PM
292	slow transition	4/10/2015 1:48 PM
293	keeps things more local	4/10/2015 12:57 PM
294	the proximity of Waverley and the common interest in the precious enviroment of the harbour/ocean coastline	4/8/2015 11:45 AM
295	Best of a bad lot	4/8/2015 9:33 AM
296	Because I wish to object to being forced to choose at all - All I want is independance	4/7/2015 8:48 PM
297	Prefer small government which is more accountable.	4/7/2015 8:41 PM
298	Because Sydney needs a more coordinated approach to traffic management and planning.	4/7/2015 8:36 PM
299	I enjoy the uniqueness of each suburb. i don't want this area swallowed up by the spread of the city.	4/7/2015 8:30 PM
300	If forced I would want Woollahra, Waverley, Randwick & Botany	4/7/2015 8:19 PM
301	I think that Waverley and Woollahra are the two most similar of the councils that it is proposed should merge.	4/7/2015 6:37 PM
302	Loss of local identity, Rate increases, No guarantee of service benefits Strong. Community opposition & Reduced local representation	4/7/2015 6:17 PM
303	bigger economy of scale	4/7/2015 5:22 PM
304	A council managing the needs of over half a million ppl is not local!	4/7/2015 3:27 PM
305	Larger Council areas may possibly, but not necessarily save money. What is certain is that larger bodies will inevitably result in fewer and worse services.	4/7/2015 12:43 PM
306	keep it small and local. We still have suburban issues unrelated to city of sydney	4/7/2015 7:38 AM
307	for local identity	4/7/2015 7:14 AM
308	Because this option means merging with only one other Council, and one that is probably more familiar with our issues than the City of Sydney	4/6/2015 7:42 PM
309	More chance of maintaining our local identity, and less of being swamped by other interests	4/6/2015 3:15 PM
310	It would never work.	4/6/2015 12:39 PM
311	I want a local identity	4/5/2015 5:43 PM
312	I consider the City of Sydney to be very progressive and would be best for Woollahra. Amalgamating with Waverley would keep it 'local', The others are too big.	4/5/2015 5:22 PM
313	Totally apposed to amalgamations.	4/5/2015 4:05 PM
314	City of Sydney is far more proactive in getting things done, supporting small business and organising events and activations to help bring people to the area and support businesses. Woollahra council has done nothing to help Paddington over the many years it has been responsible for it	4/5/2015 12:57 PM
315	Nothing gets done by you, we need the City of Sydney to make things happen.	4/4/2015 1:09 PM
316	we are happy with Woollahra Council and want to stand alone and not inherit other councils problems and pay for them to fix things that may not concern us here in Woollahra.	4/4/2015 11:56 AM
317	More things in common	4/3/2015 8:02 PM
318	Remain small. Get more done. Less redtape, hopefully	4/3/2015 4:18 PM
319	If forced to amalgamate, the City of Sydney would seem logical given Paddington's location, similarity in housing, demographics etc. amalgamation with only Waverley would be detrimental measured against any metric.	4/3/2015 3:41 PM
320	Paddington is physically closest to Sydney and shares many aspects of its history, culture, etc with Sydney	4/3/2015 3:15 PM
321	Heritage protection	4/3/2015 2:22 PM
322	Sydney has the most alignment to the inner city aspects of Woollahra	4/3/2015 1:51 PM

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323	Amalgamate with City of Sydney only, none of the rest.	4/3/2015 12:39 PM
324	Councils need to be bigger, but not huge. Waverley has more in common than the other councils.	4/3/2015 12:35 PM
325	I don't want any amalgamation. Life is becoming so impersonal, so if forced to amalgamate, best to amalgamate with our closest neighbouring suburbs	4/2/2015 10:33 PM
326	The smaller the better to keep local personality	4/2/2015 5:16 PM
327	Loss of identity -I don't want to be in a group of half a million people	4/2/2015 2:25 PM
328	Waverley and Randwick share much in common with Woollahra - coastal communities. But if there is a forced amalgamation, might as well go all the way. Alone with CoS would be a disaster!	4/2/2015 11:36 AM
329	City of Sydney have financial resources and would not be such a drain on Woollahra's financial reserves.	4/2/2015 10:40 AM
330	City of Sydney better aligned with Woollahra	4/2/2015 9:54 AM
331	smaller the better	4/2/2015 12:05 AM
332	None. We dont want to amalgamate	4/1/2015 7:17 PM
333	We only need a small council area	4/1/2015 7:11 PM
334	Less expensive for us.	4/1/2015 6:14 PM
335	duplication; lessening of costs to ratepayers	4/1/2015 5:24 PM
336	As the lesser of all evils. I do not like Waverley Council's attitude towards Parking, especially the run-down Eastgate Parking with one slow lift and too many shops for that to service, given Coles & Aldi supermarts, and anguish expressed by elderly shoppers.	4/1/2015 12:43 PM
337	Waverly and woollahra have a shared infrastructure and beaches	4/1/2015 12:23 PM
338	waverly council would have more similar issues	4/1/2015 12:09 PM
339	Waverly is closer to Woollahra in demographics	4/1/2015 12:08 PM
340	Because Woollahra Council is working well as it is, so why fix something that isn't broken. Also, the bigger the area, the less ability residents have to have their say.	4/1/2015 11:42 AM
341	Paddington is physically closest to Sydney and shares many aspects of its history, culture, etc with Sydney	4/1/2015 10:45 AM
342	I prefer local decision making and cost efficiency delivered via outsourced service provision.	4/1/2015 7:38 AM
343	Randwick is an extension of Woollahra	3/31/2015 9:48 PM
344	they the best to amalgamate than city botany bay is to far	3/31/2015 5:37 PM
345	City of Sydney gets things done -Waverly we know very little about.	3/31/2015 5:37 PM
346	Seems most logical. Councils with similar agendas.	3/31/2015 4:57 PM
347	Because Waverly council is very pro developer and has made number of decisions especially re parking around Bondi Junction station that negatively impact Woollahra residents	3/31/2015 4:12 PM
348	quality of service to community will decrease dramatically	3/31/2015 3:58 PM
349	I want to stay away from city of sydney as much as possible and only amagamte with waverley if it is forced. Local means local.	3/31/2015 3:58 PM
350	City of Sydney is well run - Woollahra not so much so Woollahra would benefit	3/31/2015 3:56 PM
351	I believe Waverley and Woollahra are similar in terms of population and values	3/31/2015 3:55 PM
352	coastal councils	3/31/2015 3:51 PM
353	Because of the total mismanagement of residents parking issues in Paddington by Woollahra Council	3/31/2015 3:35 PM
354	lesser of the 4 choices	3/31/2015 3:22 PM
355	Preserve size	3/31/2015 3:15 PM
356	To solve the problem of the division of Paddington between 2 Councils	3/31/2015 2:57 PM
357	Because these are other areas closely linked by being eastern suburbs/eastern beaches so they have a similar identity.	3/31/2015 2:56 PM
358	Best of al evils	3/31/2015 2:35 PM

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359	Waverley & possibly Randwick are natural fits	3/31/2015 2:29 PM
360	I believe there are significant advantages of having a larger catchment for council services assuming the different wards are not too heterogenous	3/31/2015 2:19 PM
361	I prefer waverly over any other council	3/31/2015 2:17 PM
362	Woollahra more familiar with Waverley - city bad option totally different to suburbs. Fear rate increases and less services and preservation. Have lived in Woollahra Council are for 45 yrs and appreciate that they generally look after the area.	3/31/2015 2:10 PM
363	City of Sydney is too large already, you might as well do away with Local Councils and just have State Govt.	3/31/2015 2:09 PM
364	because it's the only council I'd want	3/31/2015 2:06 PM
365	Close proximity	3/31/2015 2:05 PM
366	Appears least change	3/31/2015 10:51 AM
367	Amalgamation will happen, best that it happen with 2 other like councils.	3/31/2015 9:54 AM
368	I believe waverley council is closer to woollahra council geographically and would be more efficient.	3/30/2015 11:46 PM
369	Woolhira is too small to be efficient. For the rates we pay the service is poor. It cant be any worse that what it would be with the Global City outcome and the back office opertions could at least be streamlined.	3/30/2015 9:47 PM
370	not a fan of amalgamation	3/30/2015 8:26 PM
371	least dilution of councilors	3/30/2015 6:53 PM
372	Smallest	3/30/2015 6:05 PM
373	Needs more simila	3/30/2015 5:22 PM
374	i do not want any amalgamation. Woolahra is well governed and has a personality of its own	3/30/2015 5:22 PM
375	after merger its the smallest council	3/30/2015 5:06 PM
376	prefer "eastern" councils to stick together	3/30/2015 3:32 PM
377	Traffic is already out of hand. Quality of life is threatend	3/30/2015 3:25 PM
378	Larger is better	3/30/2015 3:20 PM
379	Most similarcouncil to ourselves, not too big with least different needs - lest likely to be swamped and "lost".	3/30/2015 2:22 PM
380	woollahra and waverly share simliar boundries	3/30/2015 2:15 PM
381	Waverley and Randwick would at least create a true eastern suburbs council	3/30/2015 2:02 PM
382	In descending order, most likely to be successful	3/30/2015 1:26 PM
383	Good sense, common sense=good governance	3/30/2015 12:21 PM
384	Larger councils lead to more strategic planning, increased internal effeciencies and output.	3/30/2015 10:07 AM
385	In order of similar needs	3/30/2015 8:42 AM
386	After seeing and reading about what happened with the approval of Woolworths Rose Bay, I was completely disgusted with how Woollahra councillors and council staff completely ignored a whole local communities concerns. Surely we would be better off without the Woollahra council "process" and deals done behind closed doors.	3/30/2015 8:18 AM
387	A smaller council is more effective and representative of its residents	3/30/2015 12:14 AM
388	A smaller council is a more effective council	3/29/2015 11:24 PM
389	More synergies with Sydney. Less synergies with Botany.	3/29/2015 4:22 PM
390	The reality is there are too many councils and Australia is over governed. I do not support amalgamting with the City because I believe the needs of inner suburbs are different from those of large businesses in the CBD.	3/29/2015 2:08 PM
391	My only real choice is amalgamating with Waverley Council only	3/29/2015 1:21 PM
392	Smaller is better and at least Waverley has some of the same ideals as Woollahra..ie beaches, nice houses,village atmosphere. We do not want a concrete jungle with high rises everywhere, people who have quite different interests and wants and we do not want to have to pWay much bigger rates because we chose to live in leafy Woollahra. One Council cannot possibly cater for all, especially when it covers such different socio-economic groups in the population.	3/29/2015 12:25 PM

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393	Keep it small to enable proper regional representation	3/29/2015 9:53 AM
394	So I don't pay higher rates	3/29/2015 8:43 AM
395	most similar needs & communities, but PREFER NOT ANY	3/28/2015 11:20 PM
396	Waverley Council has more in common with Woollahra Council	3/28/2015 6:32 PM
397	Waverley is more like Woollahra than the others	3/28/2015 6:28 PM
398	Woollahra Council has served us well in the past and I see no reason why we should change. Change would result in loss of local identity to start with, not to mention reduction in local representation. Under the current system it is easy to contact members of the Council, and matters are mostly dealt with promptly and efficiently. I have lived in Rose Bay all my long life and am very opposed to change	3/28/2015 5:54 AM
399	The three areas are similar in lifestyle; I would prefer to stay away from City of Sydney completely	3/27/2015 3:53 PM
400	Do not like the idea of any amalgamation. The less population, the better	3/27/2015 2:14 PM
401	I do not want to amalgamate at all. I want to keep independence.	3/27/2015 2:08 PM
402	1 is option with smallest council and 4 with largest I think	3/27/2015 12:05 PM
403	We have more in common with Waverley and Randwick although this wouldn't necessarily deliver the Fit for the Future requirements on population size and financial sustainability	3/27/2015 11:15 AM
404	Waverley is the smallest in population size.	3/27/2015 10:55 AM
405	smaller councils more in tune with our neighbourhood	3/27/2015 10:41 AM
406	LOCAL government	3/27/2015 10:32 AM
407	Area more like Woollahra, similarities of residents	3/27/2015 9:06 AM
408	Woollahra and Waverley already share depots and some platforms hence would be the ideal choice. But Waverley economic debt will only bring a burden of problems for Woollahra. If they merge would be better if there was a further subdivision with Woollahra taking care of the land overlooking the harbour and Waverley of the one on the Ocean. Also as an ex-Waverley ratepayer I can say there are plenty of initiatives in the area which are NOT ECONOMICALLY viable and a complete waste of resources and if Woollahra was going to merge we would have to bear the cost of them. NOT ACCEPTABLE	3/27/2015 8:47 AM
409	Smaller, sustainable community	3/27/2015 8:20 AM
410	Small is better than big in government.	3/27/2015 6:07 AM
411	I don't like any of the options but if forced Waverley would be my best selection	3/27/2015 5:51 AM
412	smaller and local amalgamation	3/26/2015 9:11 PM
413	I don't believe bigger is better. I believe in diversity and in order to serve people at a local level you need diversity - as in representation at a local level. Waverley probably has more in common with Woollahra than Sydney, but Waverley and Randwick would make such a huge council but not as unwieldy as the Global City council. What on earth does that mean anyway? I don't want to live in a global city - I live in a village - and it's called Woollahra and most residents like it like that.	3/26/2015 9:01 PM
414	Because Woollahra Council's service is dismal. Don't pull the nonsense that the rates will go up, WMC receives mammoth in rates and hasn't fixed the roads in 30 years. Maybe a mega council will address it. WMC all promises, but little delivery. Hostile staff when call. Why bother?.	3/26/2015 8:11 PM
415	Lesser of all evils	3/26/2015 7:57 PM
416	I want a council that is not pro-development. I have paid a lot of money for my land so that it remains in an area where there are tight restrictions on development.	3/26/2015 7:49 PM
417	It will result in economies of scale, less duplication, therefore less waste of rate payers money. Woollahra Council tends to look after narrow business interests (friends of councillors?) while neglecting civic infrastructure and basic services, e.g. provision of adequate rubbish bins and bubblers at Tingira Reserve; doesn't respond adequately to health issues at food premises; wastes money on refusals of DAs which lead to court appeals; allows Catalina Restaurant, Rose Bay to pollute with its wood-fired heater and leaf blower on public land. I could go on and on.	3/26/2015 5:28 PM
418	Trying to choose a lesser evil	3/26/2015 5:22 PM
419	I believe a smaller council will better represent me and be more efficient in servicing the needs of my area	3/26/2015 4:17 PM
420	Common interests	3/26/2015 3:57 PM

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421	Suspect we would be subsidizing the others, and our needs are far removed from the city of sydney. Waverley has the most in common with us	3/26/2015 3:57 PM
422	Other councils do not share the same issues as Woollahra and my rates would be miss-appropriated.	3/26/2015 3:21 PM
423	Waverley the best option	3/26/2015 2:29 PM
424	proximity and compatibility of Woollahra and Waverley areas	3/26/2015 2:18 PM
425	Sydney Council gets the job done.	3/26/2015 2:10 PM
426	smaller and more local options are better	3/26/2015 1:24 PM
427	bigger is not better.	3/26/2015 12:58 PM
428	It is imporant for local councils to have similar values in order to prioritise what is important in each area. Issues important in the East are not the same as issues in the southern and western aspects of City of Sydney and therefore important local issues may be lost in prioritising issues in different areas.	3/26/2015 12:52 PM
429	I believe many decisions should be taken at as local a level as possible: financial efficiency is only one of many factors to consider in structuring optimal governance	3/26/2015 12:34 PM
430	Smallest group to deal with.	3/26/2015 12:02 PM
431	feel closer to neighbouring councils	3/26/2015 10:31 AM
432	Small is best. Want nothing to do with City of Sydney.	3/26/2015 10:22 AM
433	maintain some local identity	3/26/2015 9:56 AM
434	LEAST UPSETTING	3/26/2015 9:54 AM
435	I don't want any amalgamation at all	3/26/2015 9:06 AM
436	NOT WANT ANY AMALGAMATION	3/26/2015 8:26 AM
437	i support independant villages. i don't want to live in a generic large city	3/26/2015 8:03 AM
438	I don't believe that huge councils work well for the residents	3/26/2015 7:09 AM
439	my perception of synergies between the various areas	3/25/2015 10:04 PM
440	None of the above totally against	3/25/2015 9:09 PM
441	To keep local government local	3/25/2015 8:53 PM
442	Do not want to be swamped by city of Sydney. We get nothing in current state elections yet have to vote for City of Sydney.	3/25/2015 8:20 PM
443	I dont want any amalgamation, but at least there is a bit of similarity in waverley and woolahra, but any amalgamation is a bad idea	3/25/2015 8:00 PM
444	economies of scale	3/25/2015 7:23 PM
445	smaller jurisprudence is more efficient	3/25/2015 7:06 PM
446	I don't want our rates to increase	3/25/2015 5:29 PM
447	I believe we should stand alone	3/25/2015 5:07 PM
448	1. to keep the council small 2. to amalgamate with another primarily residential area of the eastern suburbs 3. to keep the eastern suburbs identity rather than being subsued into the city	3/25/2015 4:13 PM
449	Waverley and Woollahra makes sense!	3/25/2015 3:49 PM
450	I think Waverly would not be so big as to averwhelm Woollahra	3/25/2015 3:28 PM
451	Definitely don't want WMC to merge with Sydney City - Waverley is a mess so probably best to combine with Randwick	3/25/2015 3:18 PM
452	With Waverly only we would have nearly a 50/50 representation	3/25/2015 3:16 PM
453	Ranwick and Waverley Councils understand the local geographic and demographics of the area. CoS government area is totally different to the eastern government areas.	3/25/2015 2:58 PM
454	the three areas have similar topography	3/25/2015 2:56 PM
455	Smaller is better	3/25/2015 2:27 PM

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456	Local representation	3/25/2015 1:53 PM
457	Maintain community feeling	3/25/2015 1:19 PM
458	I do not agree with any of the above options - there was no provision to answer correctly - I strongly object to question 7 and the way it was presented	3/25/2015 1:00 PM
459	City of Sydney only as more like our council	3/25/2015 12:26 PM
460	LESS PEOPLE, BUT WAVERLEY RATES ARE HIGH	3/25/2015 12:22 PM
461	Solid administration	3/25/2015 9:32 AM
462	financial position of City of Sydney Council is potentially better than Waverley. Randwick would have been first choice but not available	3/25/2015 8:23 AM
463	Preference is local representation	3/25/2015 8:10 AM
464	City of Sydney Council looks after the Street Scape - our Street in Paddo has not been looked after by Woollahra Council	3/24/2015 9:51 PM
465	Didn't want to choose any amalgamations. Damage control.	3/24/2015 9:27 PM
466	Waverly is the most compatible, with similar character and problems	3/24/2015 6:29 PM
467	The greater the size of the amalgamation, the less specialized support your constituents will have. As an architect, I am particularly concerned with any move to consolidate any planning regulations in particular - areas such as Paddington and other suburbs within the Woollahra Council area should not be allowed to lose their particular socio-cultural qualities and specificities.	3/24/2015 6:16 PM
468	See CBD area as distinctly different from the other Councils mentioned	3/24/2015 5:06 PM
469	Prefer Woollahra having fewer associations.	3/24/2015 3:47 PM
470	The last option is too broad - I do not identify with anyone who lives in Botany bay.	3/24/2015 3:41 PM
471	City of Sydney and Botany Bay include a large number of commercial areas (Barrangaroo/airport) that will have needs nothing like Paddington	3/24/2015 3:40 PM
472	don't want these organisations to become too big	3/24/2015 3:28 PM
473	Discounts at City of Sydney amenities such as swimming pools.	3/24/2015 1:24 PM
474	Seems logical	3/24/2015 1:05 PM
475	Smaller the better	3/24/2015 12:04 PM
476	demographic mix of population	3/24/2015 11:53 AM
477	I would much prefer that Woollahra merge with City of Sydney & Waverley Council. I don't know what the benefits are of merging with Randwick.	3/24/2015 11:32 AM
478	NO BIG COUNCILS	3/24/2015 9:29 AM
479	less damage, ie rate increase	3/24/2015 9:16 AM
480	I believe that smaller councils are more likely to look after residents needs	3/24/2015 9:11 AM
481	Both nearby with similar issues	3/24/2015 8:31 AM
482	Option that gives Woollahra the best share of voice by population	3/23/2015 10:08 PM
483	City of Sydney is last because it serves a completely different sector of commercial and residential interests	3/23/2015 9:21 PM
484	maintain a degree of local representation	3/23/2015 8:45 PM
485	ability for Woollahra residents to have appropriate influence	3/23/2015 8:44 PM
486	Waverley close to Woollahra and issues in common	3/23/2015 7:19 PM
487	If this is to happen I would prefer only one other council amalgamation	3/23/2015 6:14 PM
488	City of Sydney very innovative has done a lot for inner city residents. Paddington is the 'poor' cousin with the other very wealthy suburbs in Woolhara	3/23/2015 5:03 PM
489	city of sydney is more keeping with what woollahra is about	3/23/2015 5:02 PM
490	The nearest council to Woollahra	3/23/2015 4:05 PM

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491	logical 1st step then open to further merges	3/23/2015 3:58 PM
492	If we had to amalgamate I would only want to joining up with Waverley Council as they are our neighbours	3/23/2015 3:17 PM
493	i is the next smallest	3/23/2015 2:50 PM
494	Least overlap is with Botany, most with 3 eastern councils	3/23/2015 2:49 PM
495	I'm against any amalgamation. I didn't want to choose any option above.	3/23/2015 2:38 PM
496	I believe that the larger the proposed amalgamation, the less benefit to the local communities	3/23/2015 2:25 PM
497	prefer	3/23/2015 2:22 PM
498	I see limited value in a standalone Woollahra council	3/23/2015 2:17 PM
499	Because logically, the Waverley Council area is next door to the Woollahra Council area and it appeals to my sense of logic that the areas be physically contiguous	3/23/2015 2:14 PM
500	City of Sydney is predominately commerce with fewer residents than the other areas mentioned. ences	3/23/2015 2:12 PM
501	I think it is important for individual councils to stay in tune with their local community	3/23/2015 12:37 PM
502	Present system works fine.	3/23/2015 12:32 PM
503	I strong object to amalgamation of councils and the idea of global city.	3/23/2015 12:28 PM
504	lots of commonality and keep numbers relatively small	3/23/2015 11:42 AM
505	I believe in smaller government	3/23/2015 10:33 AM
506	dONT WANT TO BE PART OF A LARGE BODY, KEEP IT LOCAL	3/23/2015 10:31 AM
507	less amalgamation the better	3/23/2015 9:10 AM
508	Proximity to Woollahra	3/23/2015 8:52 AM
509	I don't know enough about the demographics so I based the ranking on proximity.	3/23/2015 8:21 AM
510	City of Sydney is a terrific Council. Woollahra could learn much from the way it conducts its affairs. Wooahra Council is insular.	3/23/2015 7:25 AM
511	Bigger is better	3/22/2015 8:46 PM
512	Population	3/22/2015 7:25 PM
513	Despits Woollahra Council's claim to "have a strong financial position" the footpaths in my area are a disgraceful and in no way compare with the ones of see in Randwick and Waverley. Similarly Bellevue Park which, 60 years ago was circled with a concrete path where children could ride their bikes and the elderly could walk safely, now has only the indentation of this path. The 'pathway' is deep holed sandpits and there are giant tree roots that emerge and create dangerous loops for the unwary. This is the path that the Bellevue Hill school staff use for training for their cross country day, and it is the path that elderly residents, (like myself who has lived in the area for 75 years) attempt to walk for our daily exercise. 40 yrs ago, when a fig tree was removed from the front of my house I was told that when the roots had eventually died the lawn in the nature strip would be replaced. Over the years I have reminded Council of this but also received an excuse. I genuinely believe that if Woollahra was to join with Waverley and/or Randwick my area would become less like that of a third world nation (as one overseas visitor described it).	3/22/2015 6:28 PM
514	Compatibility with City	3/22/2015 2:10 PM
515	Makes sense & reduces duplication + costs	3/22/2015 1:16 PM
516	The larger the council, the lower the average understanding of local issue. Woollahra is most different from the City of Sydney	3/22/2015 12:49 PM
517	rather be a suburb than a city	3/22/2015 12:32 PM
518	So Paddington is in one council.	3/22/2015 12:26 PM
519	Global city is what we need, the big picture, state/ local affairs are in a mess. Joint cooperation is needed.	3/22/2015 10:58 AM
520	I ranked the options because the resident profile and public amenity are most closely aligned	3/22/2015 10:57 AM
521	Greater economy of scale.	3/22/2015 10:53 AM
522	small is better	3/22/2015 10:11 AM
523	I don't think bigger is necessarily more efficient or better; Woollahra has more in common with Waverley and Randwick	3/22/2015 8:05 AM

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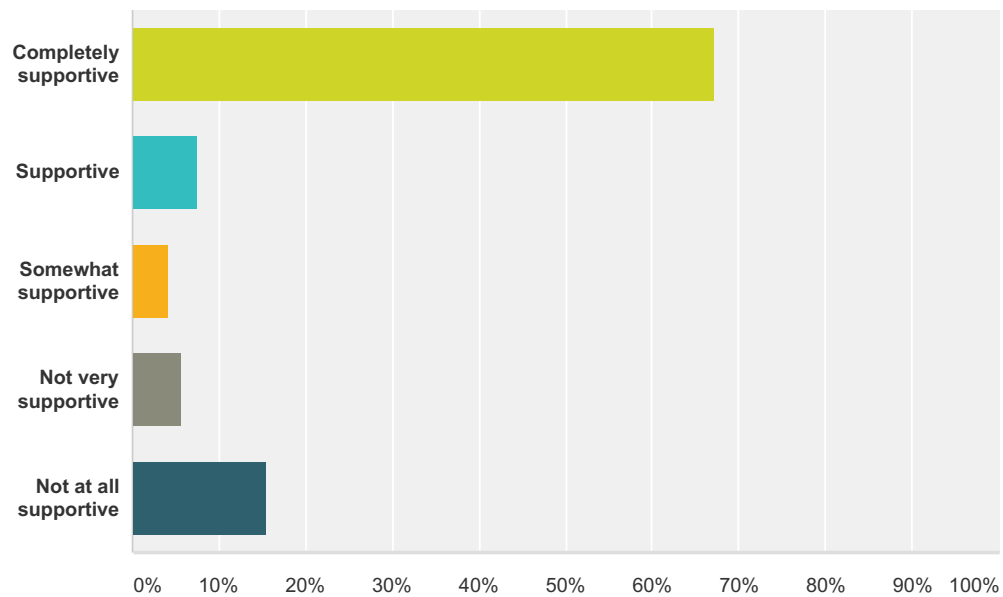
524	I Imagine the expense of amalgamation is huge so may as well do it once & make it all encompassing. It would also mean everyone in the area would have the same services which is much fairer	3/22/2015 7:52 AM
525	Most concerned about potential increase in rates	3/22/2015 5:41 AM
526	To get free parking at bondi beach! :)	3/21/2015 9:43 PM
527	population size	3/21/2015 9:19 PM
528	protecting Woollahra residents	3/21/2015 9:06 PM
529	Close to us	3/21/2015 7:13 PM
530	Small is best. The niche market always produces results. Anything else is just outdated and will not work.	3/21/2015 5:45 PM
531	Because I don't want amalgamation	3/21/2015 5:30 PM
532	seems sensible	3/21/2015 5:06 PM
533	Lesser of the evils	3/21/2015 5:01 PM
534	Least likely to raise rates and likely to improve ability to develop	3/21/2015 4:15 PM
535	Communities of interest	3/21/2015 2:40 PM
536	Retaining smallest council option	3/21/2015 2:24 PM
537	Better services	3/21/2015 12:46 PM
538	To keep the council as localised as possible, since that is the role of a council.	3/21/2015 12:37 PM
539	I strongly support many of the initiatives of City of Sydney Council and would prefer to be part of City of Sydney - it is much more responsive and in tune with the needs of high density living. I would prefer to be part of City of Sydney council - services offered are superior (other than the library)	3/21/2015 12:29 PM
540	City of Sydney financially viable authority	3/21/2015 9:45 AM
541	I believe that local government should be centralised	3/20/2015 9:27 AM
542	more in common with city of sydney	3/20/2015 9:00 AM
543	City of Sydney have better planning policies.	3/20/2015 8:07 AM
544	Against amalgamation	3/19/2015 10:51 PM
545	from smaller to bigger	3/19/2015 7:18 PM
546	I feel that Darling Point has little in common with the other councils listed.	3/19/2015 7:11 PM
547	Least worst options from ratepayer, local identity, and commonality of interest viewpoints	3/19/2015 5:43 PM
548	l'ts a logical fit.	3/19/2015 5:37 PM
549	To maintain reasonable representation.	3/19/2015 3:17 PM
550	Greater income	3/19/2015 12:05 PM
551	Because I don't think bigger is better and feel there would be some cohesion between Woollahra with Waverley and/or Randwick	3/19/2015 10:32 AM
552	Double Bay residents have different needs from residents in Botany Bay	3/19/2015 10:21 AM
553	local councils know local peoples.Global do not	3/19/2015 9:44 AM
554	bigger is not better	3/19/2015 9:27 AM
555	More similar areas	3/19/2015 9:11 AM
556	Best knowledge of our local matters	3/19/2015 8:48 AM
557	to avoid little nimby opposition one has to think on a larger than council sized scale.	3/19/2015 8:37 AM
558	Number 1 choice a natural fit	3/19/2015 8:37 AM
559	The bigger the better except maybe the City is too different	3/19/2015 8:26 AM
560	Coincides with Wentworth electorate boundaries pre 2007	3/18/2015 10:05 PM

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561	Because the City of Sydney is better resourced than the other eastern suburbs Council and represents a better option for merger in that regard.	3/18/2015 6:25 PM
562	hope to spread the increased rates burden across bigger population	3/18/2015 3:13 PM
563	Due to size of respective councils	3/18/2015 12:22 PM
564	Least odious first, the new state Govt law that imposes 2 votes per business in council is feudalistic and amalgamation would shut the community out all together.	3/18/2015 11:35 AM

Q9 How supportive are you of Woollahra Council opposing forced amalgamations by the State Government?

Answered: 640 Skipped: 55



Answer Choices	Responses	
Completely supportive	67.19%	430
Supportive	7.50%	48
Somewhat supportive	4.22%	27
Not very supportive	5.63%	36
Not at all supportive	15.47%	99
Total		640

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Q10 Why did you choose that?

Answered: 525 Skipped: 170

#	Responses	Date
1	Woollahra council looks after the area very well. I don't want to see this diluted.	6/30/2015 7:29 AM
2	i do not want to merge	6/29/2015 3:59 PM
3	Woollahra meets the criteria and does a good job	6/27/2015 4:22 PM
4	PADDINGTON RESIDENT OF 15 YEARS	6/27/2015 3:21 PM
5	all the reasons listed in survey	6/27/2015 10:19 AM
6	Because you are useless. One useless entity is better than 4.	6/26/2015 7:48 PM
7	I like the council as is	6/26/2015 5:32 PM
8	Woollahra is unique and a premium suburb not to be diluted only enhanced how do you achieve this ?	6/26/2015 2:41 PM
9	Decisions need to be taken in terms of local issues	6/26/2015 1:15 PM
10	Align the council with the resident's views	6/26/2015 11:47 AM
11	I expect my council to oppose forced amalgamations	6/25/2015 5:19 PM
12	From experience in another state amalgamations do not work	6/25/2015 2:48 PM
13	Independence is critical to maintain current service delivery by woollahra	6/24/2015 7:27 PM
14	i want to stay stand alone	6/24/2015 3:34 PM
15	There is no amalgamation required	6/24/2015 2:27 PM
16	less local representation on an amalgamated council	6/24/2015 12:30 PM
17	because we like the independence. We are unique	6/24/2015 12:00 PM
18	want to stay stand alone	6/24/2015 10:11 AM
19	Impact on services and rates	6/24/2015 9:31 AM
20	Because a smaller council means same identity is retained and there is no risk of lowered property value due to losing that identity.	6/24/2015 9:04 AM
21	We should remain independent	6/24/2015 8:19 AM
22	I believe we should not amalgamate and therefore I oppose forced amalgamation.	6/23/2015 10:40 PM
23	Financial reasons	6/23/2015 7:43 PM
24	See letter you sent me	6/23/2015 6:29 PM
25	we are over-governed	6/23/2015 1:53 PM
26	a group of citizens should be able to choose how to run their local area	6/22/2015 7:48 PM
27	already answered - agree with the reasons set out in previous question	6/22/2015 4:39 PM
28	Because there are options, to just say no shows ignorance.	6/21/2015 12:43 PM
29	Artificial boundaries already exist, changing them does not effect local communities	6/19/2015 11:04 AM
30	Local representation - anything bigger is not local	6/18/2015 6:40 PM
31	I want to keep Woollahra as a stand alone council	6/17/2015 1:00 PM
32	amalgamation would reduce the rates	6/17/2015 12:23 PM
33	Woollahra council services are not very prompt	6/15/2015 4:58 PM
34	I chose to live in Woollahra because it is well managed and has a beautiful character. There is no clear reason or proven benefit to the amalgamation and I do not trust the integrity of the State Government.	6/13/2015 10:56 AM
35	fight to the death!	6/13/2015 6:22 AM

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36	Woollahra Council are useless	6/12/2015 10:41 AM
37	force & cooperation do not auger well for aims of any amalgamation	6/11/2015 4:51 PM
38	because I don't think we should join with City of Sydney - local coastal area is fine, but not the city - it has a different identity, values and needs	6/11/2015 3:25 PM
39	No indenitifiable local benefits to amalgamamation	6/10/2015 6:31 PM
40	I've witnessed mergers being undone in Queensland for same reasons.	6/10/2015 1:48 PM
41	Way too many councils in sydney, its a joke, there should only be about 8, too much wasted money and the only reason why all councils are against amalgamation becuae they are only thinking about their jobs and how good they have had it at out tax payers money, thye need too be efficient and not waste so mucj money on way too many mayors, councillors in sydney.....	6/10/2015 10:23 AM
42	Woollahra will be seen as elitist & uncooperative, an enclave of privilege	6/8/2015 7:05 PM
43	I think we do have way too many levels of government	6/6/2015 12:03 AM
44	Give it up. don't waste the time or the money. WMC wastes too much money as it is. Clean the streets better. Clean the stormwater pits.	6/4/2015 9:26 PM
45	A council is for it's community and not just a processing plant for regulation.	6/4/2015 6:54 PM
46	undecided	6/4/2015 4:40 PM
47	Because an independent Woollahra council offers the best opportunity for heritage conservation, height restrictions, having local residents voices heard, keeping 15 councillors vs potentially 3 if forced into the Global Council option	6/4/2015 1:05 PM
48	There are no benefits only change for the worse	6/3/2015 8:54 PM
49	Woollahra will have increased rates and reduced services	6/3/2015 3:49 PM
50	State government shouyld not interfere with local government. If one level of government needs to go it is the State level.	6/3/2015 3:34 PM
51	issues raised by Woollahra mayor	6/3/2015 1:20 PM
52	Working well as is	6/3/2015 11:42 AM
53	hate mindless dictatorship	6/3/2015 11:31 AM
54	all becomes to big and looses individuality	6/3/2015 11:14 AM
55	no confidence in Woollahra Council	6/3/2015 10:41 AM
56	Would like the politics diluted in local govt	6/2/2015 7:21 PM
57	Prefer to be with City of Sydney	6/2/2015 12:37 PM
58	Makes sense	6/1/2015 10:37 PM
59	This should not be forced upon us---we are a democracy .	6/1/2015 6:39 PM
60	Want to retain its identity	6/1/2015 5:52 PM
61	Each council should stand alone	6/1/2015 12:22 PM
62	Prefer local identiuty only	5/31/2015 1:32 PM
63	Because I want to keep loval Woollahra identity	5/31/2015 12:11 PM
64	See my detailed message in Q 9	5/31/2015 12:06 PM
65	The council runs efficiently, balances residents interests with development -has not seized all our streets by creating Parkin ATMs -no good reason to change this for developers to rape and pillage as the have in Waverley and will do even more so in city of sydney	5/31/2015 10:06 AM
66	Small councils are inefficient and prone to waste and mismanagement	5/30/2015 8:12 PM
67	I don't see any benefit for our local community	5/30/2015 2:40 PM
68	More manageable, better local input and representation	5/30/2015 1:57 PM
69	Priorities asre narrower	5/29/2015 7:45 PM
70	The present position is the best.	5/29/2015 5:24 PM

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71	amalgamations don't work well either for institutions or individuals	5/29/2015 1:48 PM
72	We should remain an independent identity	5/28/2015 11:09 PM
73	I am concerned we will loose our local representation.	5/28/2015 2:19 PM
74	Woollahra Council does a great job as Local Government - it's a fully functioning & reliable entity	5/28/2015 1:09 PM
75	right thing to do	5/28/2015 9:05 AM
76	Depends on business case and impact to rate payers... Maybe it is a good tjing. I want to see facts	5/27/2015 6:44 PM
77	We are small well looked after and well funded don't need other councils	5/27/2015 6:31 PM
78	have more of a voice in a smaller council. They have more time for you're area.	5/27/2015 4:33 PM
79	If that is what most people want then the council must reflect this view	5/27/2015 12:58 PM
80	I strongly advocate a small regional community	5/27/2015 12:55 PM
81	It is a great Council and has nothing in common with its neighbours especially overcrowded, mismanaged and anti-dog and pro backpacker WAVERLEY!!	5/27/2015 12:05 PM
82	Need to move with the times / inevitability	5/27/2015 10:49 AM
83	As per previous answer in question 8.	5/26/2015 3:51 PM
84	Do not want amalgamation - loss local interest	5/26/2015 10:37 AM
85	Need to keep Woollahra Council separate entity	5/25/2015 11:32 PM
86	I do not want any additional costs such as rates increase. it is already extremely expensive living in Woollahra council precinct.	5/25/2015 1:34 PM
87	I do not believe much larger is more efficient	5/25/2015 10:45 AM
88	Degrading our identity if amalgamation allowed	5/25/2015 10:14 AM
89	I do not believe Woollahra residents will get satisfactory local government if it amalgamates with any other Council	5/24/2015 11:22 PM
90	see prev reason	5/24/2015 10:10 PM
91	Financially viable on its own better local representation and much better local knowledge	5/24/2015 6:31 PM
92	no local representation	5/24/2015 6:17 PM
93	don't like being forced	5/24/2015 12:52 PM
94	it is in the interests of all locals	5/24/2015 10:21 AM
95	it's not at all in the areas interest	5/24/2015 10:01 AM
96	I do not think that Rose Bay is represented very well by the current council arrangements and I would like to see this changed.	5/23/2015 8:46 PM
97	As my chosen representatives I want them to fight for the status quo as for Wollahra it works.	5/23/2015 5:50 PM
98	rates	5/23/2015 2:28 PM
99	councils will loose all residential focus	5/23/2015 10:22 AM
100	Stay small and beautiful	5/23/2015 9:49 AM
101	It should be up to ratepayers to decide, I want my rates to directly benefit my local area	5/23/2015 9:13 AM
102	Sadly, the Council has chosen parochialism and self-interest ahead of the public interest.	5/22/2015 9:42 PM
103	I wish to see "administration" rationalised and "planning" localised	5/22/2015 7:13 PM
104	Fit for Future is unsoundly and illogically based	5/22/2015 6:12 PM
105	Pursuing independence is the best option	5/22/2015 6:01 PM
106	We need to preserve small community living and the benefits this can deliver.	5/22/2015 5:20 PM
107	Most local government is too parochial	5/22/2015 5:05 PM
108	Need greater efficiency	5/22/2015 5:04 PM

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109	no confidence in State government and its developments	5/22/2015 5:03 PM
110	Business Opportunities	5/22/2015 4:14 PM
111	Woollahra Council is a well managed Council, with sound financial background and underlying assets. Amalgamation will not improve services to the community it will only result in a disfunctional impersonal government to the detriment of the residents.	5/22/2015 4:12 PM
112	prefer independence	5/22/2015 1:54 PM
113	Can only effectively fight for itself	5/22/2015 1:45 PM
114	WE ARE AN INDIVIDUAL HERITAGE SUBURB	5/22/2015 1:32 PM
115	we may be forced to amalgamate	5/22/2015 12:58 PM
116	Feel very strongly that Woollahra should remain independent	5/22/2015 12:04 PM
117	I wish to keep maintain Woollahra's identity and responsiveness to its rate payers.	5/22/2015 11:20 AM
118	Woollardisworthy to small to be an effective force in government. It needs at minimum to merge with Randwick and Waverley... Ideally also with city of Sydney	5/22/2015 10:30 AM
119	I believe we have a lot of local issues that could be lost with amalgamation	5/22/2015 12:52 AM
120	If this is an inevitable policy from State Govt I think you need a fall back plan to have some local area councils ie Waverly to combine with to blunt the attack of this flawed policy idea.	5/22/2015 12:17 AM
121	Local government is all about being local otherwise you may as well just have state governments	5/21/2015 11:52 PM
122	Because Woollahra LGA is a very small area that does not need anther level of government to its self. Also the area would do well to be amalgamated by a more sustainability focussed and public minded Council like City of Sydney.	5/21/2015 9:10 PM
123	Woollahra has been doing the best job it can given the funding available and keeping our rates as low as they possible can for their residents	5/21/2015 7:19 PM
124	I support the idea in principle, however a mandate is ideal	5/21/2015 6:53 PM
125	no benefits for ratepayers	5/21/2015 6:48 PM
126	Because we will just get swallowed up , it's too huge , we have our unique problems & circumstances which need to be addressed At the MOST caring level	5/21/2015 6:33 PM
127	the proposal to merge can be of no benefit to us so why do it	5/21/2015 6:08 PM
128	I am against amalgamation	5/21/2015 5:55 PM
129	WOOLLAHRA MUST STAY INDEPENDENT	5/21/2015 5:04 PM
130	I do not want to lose our identity and pay higher rates	5/21/2015 4:57 PM
131	Additional funding is potentially significant. Sydney city council is a high performer.	5/21/2015 3:36 PM
132	Woolahara council is better run than the other councils	5/21/2015 3:11 PM
133	i want local and small to continue	5/21/2015 3:09 PM
134	Many reasons primarily it will increase rates.	5/21/2015 3:02 PM
135	State Governments should not dictate on local matters	5/21/2015 2:34 PM
136	i am happy with woollahra	5/21/2015 2:05 PM
137	The NSW government is correct; there is to much inefficiency and waste in teh current outrdated arrangemnt of small councils.	5/21/2015 12:22 PM
138	Because I think our area is unique and I would like it to remain so	5/21/2015 12:14 PM
139	the state government never get anything right	5/21/2015 10:12 AM
140	Don't want to merge	5/21/2015 7:18 AM
141	Woollahra not a progressive council	5/20/2015 8:53 PM
142	Woollahra council is not progressive	5/20/2015 8:51 PM
143	I am in general not in favour of "average" alignment.	5/20/2015 8:12 PM

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144	No demonstrated benefit of amalgamation	5/20/2015 7:47 PM
145	becuase, it needs to happen	5/20/2015 10:17 AM
146	I want our identify to be preserved	5/19/2015 10:17 PM
147	Local needs and issues	5/19/2015 8:24 PM
148	suburbs have different profiles	5/19/2015 1:51 PM
149	to remian independant. no vaild reason provided for any merger	5/8/2015 10:35 AM
150	State government has enough problems without taking on extra councils. Woollahra council is a successfully run organisation and the area would become lost in the make up of a larger more monstros council.	5/7/2015 10:41 PM
151	Because we will pay higher rates and Woollahra is doing a good job as it is	5/7/2015 9:23 AM
152	we are a unique area ,finacially independent and need to keep our own identity and address oue own issues not relevant to other councils...nor do we want to take on other issues effecting other areas. our representatives hardly have the now now ro serve all the disparate issues in this area	5/5/2015 5:43 PM
153	because I think is right	5/5/2015 2:22 PM
154	I do not trust the State Government	5/4/2015 12:23 PM
155	Because they run a good Council, which doesn't need amalgamation with other Councils.	5/4/2015 10:53 AM
156	I would want to see considerable improvement in Woollahra Councils performance before I would totally support opposition of amalgamation	5/3/2015 1:40 PM
157	Local voice	5/3/2015 11:59 AM
158	Freedom of speech	5/3/2015 10:19 AM
159	our council is wasteful, inefficient, unnecessarily beaurocratic and despotic	5/2/2015 5:16 PM
160	becaUSE we need to remain independent	5/2/2015 2:49 PM
161	To retain identity and control	5/2/2015 9:43 AM
162	Woollahra is very difficult very expensive and provide poor service to community	5/2/2015 8:39 AM
163	I Support amalgamation	5/1/2015 3:47 PM
164	I think it is non-productive. We are over governed as it is. The suburb you live in gives you your local identity, not which council you belong to.	5/1/2015 10:04 AM
165	ambience	5/1/2015 9:53 AM
166	I believe that Woollahra Council's current position for a stand alone Council is correct	4/30/2015 10:31 PM
167	woollahra should be independent	4/30/2015 7:47 PM
168	because I am against forced amalgamations	4/30/2015 7:38 PM
169	It's not an issue for fence-sitting.	4/30/2015 5:52 PM
170	Councillors must be removed and replaced by paid professionals who are not subject to private "pressures/whims".	4/30/2015 4:03 PM
171	I support protecting the heritage of this area	4/30/2015 3:41 PM
172	Because I consider local identity & representation preferable	4/30/2015 3:37 PM
173	don't like big councils	4/30/2015 3:18 PM
174	You only need look at the state of local infrastructure to see that Woollahra Council is failing to maintain the suburb adequately.	4/30/2015 1:27 PM
175	Opposed to amalgamation ; more opportunity to be heard at smaller council level	4/30/2015 1:16 PM
176	my opinion	4/30/2015 11:26 AM
177	I like the local village feel that Woollahra offers	4/29/2015 10:58 PM
178	Because I agree with the councils opposition to the plan on all points	4/29/2015 10:42 PM
179	it is a falsehood that bigger Councils provide economy of scale however they do provide poorer services	4/29/2015 8:26 PM
180	Bigger Councils do not provide better or cheeper services	4/29/2015 8:20 PM

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181	I believe we should remain independent	4/29/2015 3:51 PM
182	Do not want big government	4/29/2015 3:23 PM
183	Agree with amalgamations	4/29/2015 12:57 PM
184	EXCELENT AND WELL MANAGED SERVICE	4/29/2015 12:23 PM
185	Any amalgamation must make sense from both a services perspective, as well as for economic reasons.	4/28/2015 11:31 PM
186	I support the amalgamation	4/28/2015 11:17 PM
187	I think amalgamation is a bad idea - I don't see any benefit, and I think it will mean that Woollahra residents will find it harder to have their issues addressed.	4/28/2015 7:00 PM
188	i am in favour of mergers	4/28/2015 5:51 PM
189	Woollahra needs to stand firm on its core values caring for residents & do not need to be BULLIED into submission	4/28/2015 4:10 PM
190	I am very pleased with all my experience with Woollahra Council. All requests are handled efficiently and speedily. I am very concerned that will change with a merger.	4/28/2015 1:26 PM
191	prefer local issues to stay local, not get washed aside in mega councils	4/28/2015 11:29 AM
192	As there is too many councils in Sydney	4/28/2015 11:23 AM
193	The ability to serve the local community & issues is likely to be considerably reduced in favour of non local issues	4/28/2015 9:51 AM
194	There are other solutions such as sharing some services whilst still retaining the identities of local councils. 0.5m population is NOT LOCAL	4/27/2015 8:10 PM
195	This unique part of Sydney needs to have a financially stable Council and one that recognizes the special place aspects of our area especially with our iconic harbour	4/27/2015 2:07 PM
196	Because we share the eastern suburbs peninsula from South Head Cemetery.	4/27/2015 2:00 PM
197	Nothing to lose getting bigger. Access to councillors over the past 6 years has been very poor anyway.	4/27/2015 11:29 AM
198	Eltisim	4/27/2015 10:48 AM
199	Because I don't see the benefit of getting bigger and fear the perceived problems	4/26/2015 9:26 PM
200	Botany has different facilities	4/26/2015 7:25 PM
201	I would prefer amalgamation. Clover gets things done.	4/26/2015 5:41 PM
202	vaucluse not toilet!	4/26/2015 1:29 PM
203	Service might decrease, however I believe Paddington should be brought together i.e. the whole of Paddington under one council	4/26/2015 12:23 PM
204	I view any council opposing amalgamation as acting primarily in self interest of their own jobs.	4/26/2015 11:38 AM
205	Smaller is more responsive	4/25/2015 2:22 PM
206	Woollahra on its own is inefficient and from a number of personal experience not representative of local concerns. Too interested in politics.	4/25/2015 12:01 PM
207	HARD ENOUGH ALREADY TO DEAL WITH DIVERSE REQUIREMENTS OF LOCALS AND THERE WOULD BE TOO MUCH COMPETITION FOR OUR TIME/DOLLARE	4/24/2015 1:04 PM
208	Don't want to get drawn into unresponsive council	4/23/2015 9:19 PM
209	It should amalgamate with the city of Sydney	4/23/2015 8:39 PM
210	For reasons given in answer to question 8	4/23/2015 7:49 PM
211	We believe there are benefits, if an amalgamation has to be, that Paddington would be more in sympathy with historically high density Sydney and may lead to under grounding of electrical services which have a third world look to this high rate contributing area.	4/23/2015 6:47 PM
212	I think Woollahra Council is very well run it is financially competent.	4/23/2015 6:09 PM
213	Because. I am against amalgamation especially with more than one council	4/23/2015 4:27 PM
214	We are fiscally secure, independent and a desirable area, amalgamation will result in a loss of services, higher rates and a general decrease in the standard of living for people in the Woollahra area.	4/23/2015 4:09 PM

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215	It's not a state (or federal) matter, local councils only should decide	4/23/2015 3:06 PM
216	Consistency	4/23/2015 1:55 PM
217	Woollahra council needs to maintain its identity	4/23/2015 1:33 PM
218	I am completely supportive of Woollahra Council opposing any form of amalgamation	4/23/2015 1:18 PM
219	I think that particularly for Paddington area will benefit from joining the Sydney City council	4/23/2015 1:15 PM
220	We do not need to amalgamate	4/23/2015 12:36 PM
221	The State Government has failed to demonstrate clearly the alleged benefits of amalgamations.	4/23/2015 11:03 AM
222	That's what I'd prefer	4/23/2015 10:37 AM
223	We need to remain independent	4/23/2015 10:32 AM
224	Woollahra Council is demonstrating good governance. I see real risks in amalgamating into a "Global City".	4/23/2015 10:16 AM
225	I need to know more about the pros and cons	4/23/2015 10:12 AM
226	Woollahra is unique	4/23/2015 9:18 AM
227	Totally opposed to amalgamation	4/23/2015 9:11 AM
228	We believe local councils act in the best interests of it's suburbs	4/23/2015 8:32 AM
229	If the people choose for local representation to remain separate, that democratic choice should be respected.	4/23/2015 1:53 AM
230	Because I dont think Woollahra Council is effectively managed.	4/22/2015 11:57 PM
231	They appear corrupt	4/22/2015 11:32 PM
232	I am opposed to the forced amalgamation of local councils by State Government they just want to remove local council and empower State Government I want the existing local councils to be retained to manage local issues.	4/22/2015 11:06 PM
233	I agree that merging councils makes good economic sense. For example, Woollahra and Waverly are a stones throw away from each other. Why do tax payers and rate payers have to fund two premises, two general managers etc. There should be no decrease in 'workers', but we don't need two GM's and two mayors for such a small staff.	4/22/2015 10:47 PM
234	I believe amalgamation will be a good thing to ensure consistency across Sydney's most valuable and beautiful suburbs and	4/22/2015 9:12 PM
235	Most of my dealings with Council Staff have been poor. Councillor Petrie the long time mayor has been appalling.	4/22/2015 8:37 PM
236	I believe it is in residents' best interests. Evidence supports benefits for continued smaller, locally focused councils. Further, the needs of Sydney City council, or even Randwick are evidently different from Woollahra.	4/22/2015 8:32 PM
237	Real people live here, not cohorts to be fed into computers under the mistaken belief that bigger bureauracy is efficient and economical.	4/22/2015 7:25 PM
238	The State Government is already interfering too much with local Government.	4/22/2015 7:24 PM
239	I don't want them wasting a huge amount of money fighting something which is inevitable. It may be more productive to put up an alternative plan rather than just oppose.	4/22/2015 7:15 PM
240	It's all about getting rid of Clover Moore, and other political pursuits. It's undemocratic and there is no proof that anyone would be better off, except developers.	4/22/2015 7:07 PM
241	Support mergers idea	4/22/2015 7:02 PM
242	Local residents should decide, not governments.	4/22/2015 6:52 PM
243	Same reason as 9	4/22/2015 12:33 AM
244	I think Woollahra are a very efficient and effective Council, with good opporutnities for input from residents.	4/21/2015 5:11 PM
245	I like the services Waverley Council offer	4/21/2015 2:03 PM
246	Read what I said above	4/21/2015 10:06 AM
247	We currently have a voice with our council. Councillors are able to relate to constituent concerns. The intimacy and high standards of our area will be lost. Needs and priorities between the different councils are so wide and varied - the one-size-fits-all approach of amalgamation will not recognise this.	4/21/2015 8:28 AM

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248	prefer to have known laws on books which are not open to local employees interpretation	4/20/2015 5:07 PM
249	As we are better on our own, then stay that way. Norway refused to join European initiatives as it doesn't suit them. So should we.	4/18/2015 7:37 PM
250	Opposing amalgamation has all the appearances of not liking any change and wanting to keep councillors in jobs. I am supportive however, of the council choosing it's own amalgamation options	4/18/2015 3:27 PM
251	No amalgamation	4/17/2015 1:50 PM
252	why not	4/17/2015 8:04 AM
253	Woollahra council doesn't do much for paddington residents unless you continually complain to them.	4/16/2015 9:35 PM
254	need to merge to gain efficiencies & to standardise planning rules	4/15/2015 9:11 PM
255	Higher costs	4/15/2015 1:16 PM
256	Councils look after local issues - areas too far away are not local	4/15/2015 12:30 PM
257	To keep local government local.	4/15/2015 10:37 AM
258	See number 8	4/14/2015 1:46 PM
259	I agree with amalgamations in principle and in this case.	4/14/2015 12:57 PM
260	Opposed to rate rises, prefer rates to be spent in close proximity where I live, keep identity	4/14/2015 10:41 AM
261	I firmly believe it important for cultural, heritage and having first hand knowledge of the suburbs under the jurisdiction of the woollahra council.	4/13/2015 10:05 PM
262	I support the amalgamation of local governments.	4/13/2015 2:58 PM
263	Council is against amalgamation because they are worried they will loose their jobs, not because its a bad idea.	4/13/2015 2:31 PM
264	we MUST stand alone we would lose control, money and eritage	4/12/2015 9:45 PM
265	Same response as before	4/12/2015 12:58 PM
266	Woollahra should maintain its own historic and local identity.	4/12/2015 8:32 AM
267	Woollahra has a proud record standing up for its residents and one of the best cases in NSW to argue for remaining independent based on our fiscal record	4/10/2015 7:03 PM
268	All the reasons you list	4/10/2015 5:20 PM
269	stability	4/10/2015 1:49 PM
270	Woollahra is a strong council and needs to stay local	4/10/2015 12:58 PM
271	the Council is an effective and prudent manager and does not need to merge	4/8/2015 11:46 AM
272	Like it as is	4/8/2015 9:34 AM
273	Because I believe it will best protect my interests	4/7/2015 8:49 PM
274	Against rates increases to support other areas.	4/7/2015 8:41 PM
275	Because the Council is just looking after its own self interest. It regularly ignores Paddington when it comes to planning properly so we will be no worse off under a bigger council.	4/7/2015 8:37 PM
276	I choose to live here because of the ambience.	4/7/2015 8:36 PM
277	Woollahra is unique and self sufficient and would only be leveling down - why do that?	4/7/2015 8:20 PM
278	I think it is likely to happen so would prefer resources go towards ensuring the best fit is achieved when it happens	4/7/2015 6:38 PM
279	Loss of local identity & will be reduced local representation	4/7/2015 6:19 PM
280	now doing a poor job	4/7/2015 5:23 PM
281	Woollahra council shld fight to preserve our identity. A local council with a large number of constituents is unlikely to have a single voice opposing State govt interests.	4/7/2015 3:30 PM
282	There are too many councils in Sydney!	4/7/2015 1:07 PM
283	The closer individual householders and residents are to their Council the better service they will receive.	4/7/2015 12:44 PM

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284	Community decision is vital	4/7/2015 7:39 AM
285	worth fighting for	4/7/2015 7:14 AM
286	Because we think Woollahra Council does an excellent job communicating with its residents, seeking their opinions and looking after the interests of residents, and we don't think this should be forcefully taken away from us.	4/6/2015 7:45 PM
287	I believe that amalgamation is not necessary, detrimental to those in our current area	4/6/2015 3:15 PM
288	State Government don't know what they are doing.	4/6/2015 12:40 PM
289	local identity is most important	4/5/2015 5:44 PM
290	In my view there is nothing wrong with the present system. In addition the State Government said there would be no forced amalgamations. Why do politicians keep breaking promises?.	4/5/2015 5:24 PM
291	Woollahra Council should stand alone with its own identity.	4/5/2015 4:06 PM
292	I think we would have a lot more action especially to help revitalise Paddington and Oxford Street if the council was combined with City Of Sydney	4/5/2015 12:58 PM
293	Come on Woollahra - the place is a mess	4/4/2015 1:09 PM
294	Because we want to stand alone and that way Woollahra concentrates on our area only	4/4/2015 11:57 AM
295	too much current duplication	4/3/2015 8:02 PM
296	I don't agree in forced change where it is majority opposed. The people should decide their fate. I can however appreciate the potential benefits of a larger Council if the fit is right and the amalgamated areas share similar values.	4/3/2015 3:46 PM
297	Need to protect our heritage with strong DCP	4/3/2015 2:22 PM
298	As I wish Woollahra to remain independent	4/3/2015 1:51 PM
299	Councils need to be bigger - there are too many.	4/3/2015 12:36 PM
300	Because local representatives understand local issues. Different suburb groups have different priorities and needs and micro local councils best support this. Let local councils keep their autonomy and individuality as this best represents residents. Homogenising local government just follows on from society's increasing impersonality.	4/2/2015 10:37 PM
301	Want to remain as is. Previously a Noosa Council ratepayer and fought to remove Noosa from amalgamated Sunshine Beach Council after forced to join by previous Bligh Labor government.	4/2/2015 5:20 PM
302	reasons given before	4/2/2015 2:25 PM
303	There is no going back; local community matters. Mega amalgamations can only make sense without state governments.	4/2/2015 11:39 AM
304	Woollahra has unique characteristics and heritage buildings that need to be preserved	4/2/2015 10:46 AM
305	Prefer to keep Council small and local	4/2/2015 9:54 AM
306	None. WE don't want to amalgamate	4/1/2015 7:18 PM
307	Do not need other councils opinions	4/1/2015 7:13 PM
308	It -the council- has always looked after us and that won't change I feel sure.	4/1/2015 6:16 PM
309	amalgamations by the state government would support rate payers and and assist in infrastructure and maintenance of road and pathways	4/1/2015 5:28 PM
310	I would not like increased rates, as you predict, if amalgamation was to proceed.	4/1/2015 12:44 PM
311	We have to look to the future and escape parochialism	4/1/2015 12:24 PM
312	there are too many councils	4/1/2015 12:10 PM
313	Council autonomy	4/1/2015 12:08 PM
314	Because it's the most effective way forward.	4/1/2015 11:43 AM
315	I strongly believe Woollahra should remain independent	4/1/2015 10:47 AM
316	I am not convinced that amalgamations will lead to better decision making for Woollahra residents, and not convinced that purported cost benefits can't be delivered via outsourcing much service provision to the private sector or multi-council service departments.	4/1/2015 7:41 AM

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317	Independence for Woollahra ensures better management for this area	3/31/2015 9:50 PM
318	We prefer to be under City of Sydney	3/31/2015 5:40 PM
319	to reduce cost	3/31/2015 5:39 PM
320	Local councils should be local not made up of half the state.	3/31/2015 4:58 PM
321	forced amalgamation will be bad for residents	3/31/2015 3:59 PM
322	It is motivated by self interest of councillors not the interests of residents.The Woollahra Council is the worst council I have lived in and there is much room for improvement in services.	3/31/2015 3:58 PM
323	Local means local	3/31/2015 3:58 PM
324	its worked in melbourne	3/31/2015 3:51 PM
325	Woollahra Council mismanagement of parking and street maintenance.Woollahra Council residence parking system is a disgrace.Residents without off street parking rely on council Rangers to enforce laws .The Rangers finish at 4pm and non residents park throughout my street knowing that they will never get a parking infringement notice.How will going to the city of sydney help this?they have afternoon shift parking Rangers and are far more pro active for theRESIDENTSthan other vehicle owners.Resident parking permits in Woollahra are basicallyissued on a whim to just about anyone who can forge documents,Interstate plated cars in my area for 7 years continue to receive a residents parking permit when drivers have one year maximum to swap their registration to NSW	3/31/2015 3:47 PM
326	i prefer to be independent	3/31/2015 3:23 PM
327	More faith in local council to look after local amenities	3/31/2015 3:16 PM
328	To negotiate something that gives a benefit	3/31/2015 2:58 PM
329	Because I believe Woollahra Council should maintain its independence to ensure local identity maintained.	3/31/2015 2:57 PM
330	I think the amalgamations are a good idea	3/31/2015 2:30 PM
331	I believe the council has only its own interests at heart and that the public would be better served by a larger more professional council who can fund a more comprehensive strategy to its peoples needs and desires	3/31/2015 2:22 PM
332	We want woollahra to be stand alone	3/31/2015 2:18 PM
333	See previous answer!	3/31/2015 2:11 PM
334	No amalgamation should be forced, there should be some more incentives or at least positive outcomes for residents	3/31/2015 2:10 PM
335	see all my previous answers	3/31/2015 2:07 PM
336	Economies of scale :)	3/31/2015 2:06 PM
337	Fearful of large rates rises	3/31/2015 10:52 AM
338	Amalgamations will happen, best to negotiate an acceptable outcome.	3/31/2015 9:54 AM
339	Local representation is of greater benefit to the community and maintains a particular genre.	3/30/2015 11:48 PM
340	The writing is on the wall. You will have to amalgamate with at least a couple of councils. If you resist it, you can be guaranteed the Global City model will happen, care of the newly elected Baird Government. Your failure to publish a fit for the future brochure like Randwick Council which has been sent to all ratepayers in that LGA is a grave oversight on your part. I only found this page on your web site because I went looking for it. you will leave yourself open to the suggestion that you dont want fair and open commentary from your rate payers.	3/30/2015 9:52 PM
341	don't feel it's the right option for Vaucluse	3/30/2015 8:27 PM
342	state gov for whole state. councils for locals	3/30/2015 6:55 PM
343	Against amalgamation	3/30/2015 6:06 PM
344	Should not be imposed	3/30/2015 5:23 PM
345	we dont want amalgamation, and it makes no sense	3/30/2015 5:22 PM

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346	no benefits of amalgamation and a big downside. In modern society we are giving too much power to structures peopled by those who we dont know and who dont know or understand us because they are too far removed from where the rubber hits the road	3/30/2015 5:12 PM
347	don't want amalgamation but not 100% sure it's the right decision	3/30/2015 3:33 PM
348	Gov't should offer tax incentives to open up country centres	3/30/2015 3:29 PM
349	We elected State Government to govern State and this is thier polifcy	3/30/2015 3:21 PM
350	Because Woollahra manage our council extremely well, they know our needs, operate on a sound financial basis and are able to provide excellent services. We are all very satisfied and don't want to lose our identity. It's rare that councils are financially efficient and thus effective for their constituents, so don't dismantle one that is.	3/30/2015 2:29 PM
351	WMC not perfect but as a representative tool it works.	3/30/2015 2:02 PM
352	Because I don't think Woollahra Council should amalgamate at all	3/30/2015 1:27 PM
353	I essentially believe local govt. should be abolished	3/30/2015 12:22 PM
354	The number of LGA's in Sydney is ridiculous, the public sector here is too large.	3/30/2015 10:10 AM
355	Against freedom of choice	3/30/2015 8:44 AM
356	The Woolworths Rose Bay approval debacle. It was a disgrace to both Woollahra staff and councillors. They completely ignored community concerns. Surely we will be better off with a different process and different people.	3/30/2015 8:19 AM
357	Local identity	3/30/2015 12:14 AM
358	Local identity	3/29/2015 11:27 PM
359	Doing a great job as is.	3/29/2015 4:23 PM
360	Scale efficiencies	3/29/2015 3:46 PM
361	Reality is there are too many councils and Australia is over governed.	3/29/2015 2:09 PM
362	I want Woollahra Council to remain independent	3/29/2015 1:22 PM
363	For the same reasons as previously stated and I do not see why Woollahra should subsidise the other councils with higher rates etc and to be forced to change the very special atmosphere of the area we chose to live in	3/29/2015 12:28 PM
364	Because I don't agree with forced amalgamations (obviously)	3/29/2015 9:54 AM
365	Want local representation	3/29/2015 8:43 AM
366	local needs & understanding plus we have a financially viable and professional council	3/28/2015 11:21 PM
367	The local rates would increase if WMC amalgamated with the other councils	3/28/2015 6:34 PM
368	See previous question	3/28/2015 5:54 AM
369	It's better to stand alone in this instance.	3/27/2015 3:53 PM
370	Our rates will increase. We will have less govt representation, less identity.	3/27/2015 2:14 PM
371	It will not benefit us. We are financial and do not need amalgamation.	3/27/2015 2:09 PM
372	Woollahra council is wonderful - they take my concerns seriously and have helped with many good outcomes. I have lived in Waverley and Randwick areas, and did not like those councils.	3/27/2015 12:11 PM
373	Because I am strongly against the State Government forcing amalgamations and believe in local representation and government	3/27/2015 11:17 AM
374	keep it local, local councillors, no benefit in merging, higher rates	3/27/2015 10:57 AM
375	NZ AMALGAMATION INCREASE OF GRAFT/CORRUPTION	3/27/2015 10:35 AM
376	I don't think it is correct to change something it is working well. We will have to bear the debt and unstable economic situation of other councils only because the Government says so? We pay much more taxes to the government as households than any other area and I think we are entitled to keep our little slice of paradise untouched.	3/27/2015 8:49 AM
377	I would like Woollahra to stay completely independent	3/27/2015 8:21 AM
378	Because I am against the forced amalgamation	3/27/2015 6:08 AM

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379	prefer local representation	3/26/2015 9:13 PM
380	I think it's time everyone started to stick up for what is best for them and their communities and to take a stand against the ridiculous neo liberal ideology that is being forced down our throats! Local is best! Therefore I'm very happy to support Woollahra in its opposition.	3/26/2015 9:02 PM
381	Local councils are just another form of unnecessary government bleeding us dry with rates and failing to fix footpaths and roads in return. How many decades does it take to repair things? WMC's mantra is trees and tree roots wrecking footpaths are of more importance than ratepayers' safety. WMC is tree crazy! The elderly cannot walk around neighbourhood as it is fraught with dangerous obstacles of broken and upended footpaths.	3/26/2015 8:16 PM
382	amalgamations will result in loss of identity and representation	3/26/2015 7:58 PM
383	There is no reason for merging. Everything is operating well. The current council is doing a great job.	3/26/2015 7:49 PM
384	The benefits outweigh the disadvantages and will result in a waste of ratepayers' money. Council should focus on the essential services (the 3 Rs). It should look beyond its narrow business focused interests and consider what's in the best for the metropolitan region and the State.	3/26/2015 5:30 PM
385	Don't like centralization of power	3/26/2015 5:23 PM
386	I think forced amalgamations would not benefit woollahra council	3/26/2015 4:18 PM
387	We are in a sound position. Do not want to go backwards	3/26/2015 3:59 PM
388	Worried that services would suffer.	3/26/2015 3:58 PM
389	I am happy with the way this council is run. Larger council will result in reduced level of service and deteriorating local environment.	3/26/2015 3:24 PM
390	Rates will go up; less attention to Woollahra,s needs	3/26/2015 2:30 PM
391	We have a unique and beautiful harbour setting which Council is dedicated to preserving and enhancing. Further Council is financially viable and stable and has the right to determine its own future and to continue to represent the interests of ratepayers.	3/26/2015 2:25 PM
392	Woollahra Council is dysfunctional.	3/26/2015 2:11 PM
393	strongly support local knowledge and understanding	3/26/2015 1:25 PM
394	independance	3/26/2015 1:00 PM
395	Woollahra Council would be best as a stand-alone to prioritise local issues and it is financially sustainable.	3/26/2015 12:55 PM
396	This is a one way issue - once done it won't be undone. Because I disagree with the amalgamations, now is the only possible time to oppose them & so all available opposition should be made now.	3/26/2015 12:36 PM
397	Financial Independence	3/26/2015 12:03 PM
398	We are more efficient as a smaller Council.	3/26/2015 10:23 AM
399	we have a very strong local community and are self supportive	3/26/2015 9:57 AM
400	DON'T AGREE THAT BIGGER IS BETTER , SEE THE EXPERIENCE OF qUEENSLAND	3/26/2015 9:55 AM
401	I don't want any amalgamation at all	3/26/2015 9:06 AM
402	DON'T WANT TO AMALGAMATE	3/26/2015 8:27 AM
403	it's not a state government issue	3/26/2015 8:04 AM
404	Changes of this type cannot be forced, and must be negotiated	3/25/2015 10:06 PM
405	Woollahra should stand alone	3/25/2015 9:10 PM
406	Larger is not better and our rates will increase	3/25/2015 8:54 PM
407	Better to have small council. Better to have no state government'!	3/25/2015 8:21 PM
408	Woolahra has its own identity and we are very well looked after. This is local government - why make the area represented similar to or larger than state and federal areas? What's local about that?	3/25/2015 8:01 PM
409	economies of scale	3/25/2015 7:23 PM
410	Smaller Councils can be closer to problems	3/25/2015 7:08 PM

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411	There is no role for state govt. and no role for state govt in local communities.	3/25/2015 5:30 PM
412	We will be swallowed up and we do fine on our own	3/25/2015 5:08 PM
413	I fully support local identity and control and think the state govt is only interested in helping big business	3/25/2015 4:14 PM
414	To save rates increase!	3/25/2015 3:49 PM
415	I do not want amalgamation	3/25/2015 3:29 PM
416	The area currently served by WMC does not fit with the demographic of Waverley, and City of Sydney. I want the dollars we spend on rates, etc to stay in our community. I do not trust a larger Council entity to represent our best interests and have a lot of concerns about over development as Sydney has a housing shortage.	3/25/2015 3:24 PM
417	I believe we are able to stand alone without recourse to a Govt 'bribe'.	3/25/2015 3:18 PM
418	I believe Woollahra Council is self supporting and has a long term vision for the local residents and area.	3/25/2015 2:59 PM
419	unnecessary costs involved	3/25/2015 2:57 PM
420	Don't want to amalgamate	3/25/2015 2:27 PM
421	Don't want amalgamation	3/25/2015 1:54 PM
422	Don't want to amalgamate and lose local representation	3/25/2015 1:20 PM
423	I believe Woollahra should remain independent and retain its local identity	3/25/2015 1:01 PM
424	Our council works well for the community in its current state.Can see no benefit being part of another council or worse councils	3/25/2015 12:28 PM
425	WAVERLEY RATES ARE HIGH	3/25/2015 12:23 PM
426	Too many councils - scale can lead to greater efficiency and effectiveness	3/25/2015 12:16 PM
427	maintain local identity	3/25/2015 9:33 AM
428	Our political system is 3 tiered. Local Government is one of them. Arbitrary amalgamations with LGA's whose record have been somewhat questionable is of concern to me. BIGGER IS BIT ALWAYS BETTER. WAVERLEY IS A NIGHTMARE WITH identifiable problems - the cost of administering areas like BONDI, the political position of councillors, RANDWICK IS SLIGHTLY BETTER IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT CITY OF SYDNEY is just a political cannonball. I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE AMALGAMATIONS	3/25/2015 8:31 AM
429	Councils should be able to decide their own futures	3/25/2015 8:12 AM
430	We need some care given to the Street scape	3/24/2015 9:53 PM
431	Local government by a local government.	3/24/2015 9:28 PM
432	I feel strongly about keeping the village atmosphere	3/24/2015 6:30 PM
433	The Woollahra Council is very well managed and run - its efficiency does not need to be diluted by an amalgamation.	3/24/2015 6:18 PM
434	If amalgamation not forced, it's unlikely that any amalgamation will go ahead or, at best, will be a protracted an torturous process	3/24/2015 5:09 PM
435	Amalgamation should be up to the residents.	3/24/2015 3:47 PM
436	i want my own kittle council	3/24/2015 3:42 PM
437	see last answer..and a sense of mistrust of state government	3/24/2015 3:30 PM
438	Rate increases.	3/24/2015 1:24 PM
439	Because I do not want us to be amalgamated.	3/24/2015 12:04 PM
440	Woollahra has its own identity	3/24/2015 11:54 AM
441	I see a number of benefits from Paddington being located within one Council area.	3/24/2015 11:33 AM
442	Very high rate costs pending	3/24/2015 9:17 AM
443	I believed Woollahra council is more efficient than any other	3/24/2015 9:12 AM
444	Woollahra Council should be left as is	3/24/2015 8:32 AM
445	I'm concerned about increased rates & land tax & decreased services	3/23/2015 10:09 PM

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446	Woollahra is better at infrastucture maintenance and is more conservative	3/23/2015 9:23 PM
447	Because they worked so well togetger	3/23/2015 9:19 PM
448	maintain the third level of Govt without intereferece from the second level.	3/23/2015 8:47 PM
449	I support Woollahra's independance	3/23/2015 8:45 PM
450	Woollahra Council doing a great job	3/23/2015 7:18 PM
451	I dont agree with this amalamation	3/23/2015 6:15 PM
452	don't like ibeing bull dozed by Gov. or large organisations	3/23/2015 5:04 PM
453	Woollahra is best as a stand alone Council	3/23/2015 4:07 PM
454	don't want rates to increase, maybe with more funds someone will take an interest in revitalising Oxford st.	3/23/2015 3:59 PM
455	I do not want Woollahra Council amalgamating with any council - we have to remain independent and "local" look after the needs of the people in the Woollahra Municipality. Global amalgamation does not work - the rate payers will end up paying for the amalgamation and we will become inconsequential, it will give developers more room to move on developments if we amalgamate, there are no positives if our council amalgamate. I am horrified that we should be fighting the State Government. Mike Baird has to leave Woollahra Council alone.	3/23/2015 3:22 PM
456	we need to be indepented	3/23/2015 2:51 PM
457	ultimately it will happen, don't waste time and money fighting	3/23/2015 2:50 PM
458	I don't understand this push to become bigger. Woollahra is fine. I don't want to see us amalgamate, only to realise later that things have only worsened.	3/23/2015 2:41 PM
459	I believe smaller councils can serve their communities better than larger councils, where the drive to larger councils seems largely driven by economic rationalization	3/23/2015 2:27 PM
460	prefer independence	3/23/2015 2:22 PM
461	A resident can relate easier to a smaller controlled council that understands local needs.	3/23/2015 2:16 PM
462	Because, whatever the State Government claims, I have seen, first hand, all over the world that large organisations are grossly inefficient, and worse still, the loss to the local sense of community is incalculable. The cliché of the faceless, uncaring bureaucracy arose from real experience.	3/23/2015 2:15 PM
463	because local councils support local communities	3/23/2015 12:40 PM
464	Big government, more red tape and bureaucracy. Responsibilities will be kicked around.	3/23/2015 12:33 PM
465	I like to maintain local identity and am against big government.	3/23/2015 12:29 PM
466	Councils should not be forced by state govt agendas	3/23/2015 11:43 AM
467	I prefer small government	3/23/2015 10:34 AM
468	For the reasons listed by Woollahra Council, can do better smaller	3/23/2015 10:32 AM
469	Local identity and interests are better served by a stand alone council	3/23/2015 9:11 AM
470	Reduced local representation and Rate increases	3/23/2015 8:55 AM
471	I don't support much of what the State Government is doing. They often get it wrong.	3/23/2015 8:23 AM
472	Woollahra is too small. It must merge.	3/23/2015 7:26 AM
473	I don't see the benefit of staying small	3/22/2015 8:47 PM
474	All councils ought to remain local	3/22/2015 7:26 PM
475	Because the reasonable paths and local park that I grew up with have not been maintained by Woollahra Council even though the huge growth in the local population continue to pay increased rates and taxes.	3/22/2015 6:33 PM
476	Waste of my rates (like fighting sensible development)	3/22/2015 2:12 PM
477	no merit in amalgamation	3/22/2015 2:11 PM
478	Society today is all about streamlined efficient management & savings	3/22/2015 1:18 PM
479	we should have a say	3/22/2015 12:34 PM
480	Because ideally they would stay autonomous.	3/22/2015 12:27 PM

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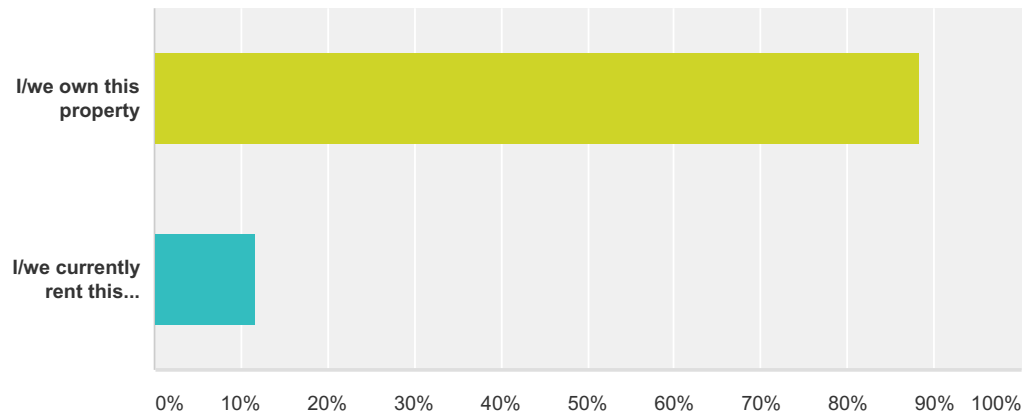
481	Myopic view of the concept of amalgamation.	3/22/2015 12:06 PM
482	We can support our own council area financially but we cannot affect the affairs of the surrounding areas for the mutual benefit of all. We have to have a joint committee or amalgamate	3/22/2015 11:03 AM
483	I only see a downside with amalgamation for Woollahra	3/22/2015 10:58 AM
484	small is better	3/22/2015 10:11 AM
485	I don't think bigger is better	3/22/2015 8:05 AM
486	I think there are more important issues woollahra council can put their energy towards	3/22/2015 7:53 AM
487	Most concerned about potential rate increases arising from any amalgamation	3/22/2015 5:42 AM
488	The state government is a bully	3/21/2015 9:43 PM
489	against amalgation	3/21/2015 9:19 PM
490	protecting Woollahra residents	3/21/2015 9:07 PM
491	Spends to much money on council buildings,the streets are a mess and have allowed people to lease public resevere land and these people have build upon the land and the council do not care,want a council in that will clean out the rot.	3/21/2015 7:15 PM
492	Stand up for what is great about Woollahra Council before it is too late and it's all gone.	3/21/2015 5:46 PM
493	Because amalgamation is not positive	3/21/2015 5:31 PM
494	don't like forced amalgamations	3/21/2015 5:08 PM
495	Woollahra needs to stand alone. Not subsidise other councils	3/21/2015 5:02 PM
496	Amalgamation should be the choice of each community	3/21/2015 4:16 PM
497	Woollarha needs to amalgamate	3/21/2015 2:42 PM
498	Because I like Woollhara's current level of services. In particular - hiring of public spaces and recycling /composting services	3/21/2015 2:26 PM
499	Wasted effort; amalgamation makes sense.	3/21/2015 12:48 PM
500	Because our council should be able to make its own decisions about how best to manage itself and it's constituents	3/21/2015 12:37 PM
501	I can see benefits of amalgamating with City of Sydney and perhaps Waverley but the other council areas that are proposed to merge are quite different with very different needs	3/21/2015 12:30 PM
502	Woollahra council has poorly supported residents	3/21/2015 10:55 AM
503	Wollahra Paddington poor condition Sydney Paddington well maintained	3/21/2015 9:47 AM
504	I have not seen evidence of our council representing residents. In a number development situations in Rose Bay the Councillors we disinterested and unavailable to residents (did not take or return calls) about local issues. Some councillors seem more interested in promoting their careers in architecture, development, law etc than actually representing local residents concerns. It could be argued that amalgamation poses a risk to residents representation. Our Council over the last 10 years has done that anyway so we have nothing to lose. A larger council could reduce red tape and create efficiencies. We do not need so many local councillors.	3/20/2015 9:31 AM
505	if the council is financially sustainable, which it is and residents are mostly opposed to amalgamations then we should not be forced. No guarantees given that there will be any service improvements	3/20/2015 9:00 AM
506	Too small and inefficient	3/20/2015 8:08 AM
507	Against amalgamation	3/19/2015 10:51 PM
508	Woollahra is and should remain independent.	3/19/2015 7:12 PM
509	I see no real gain from amalgamation that cannot be got from exercise of business knowhow and commonsense, and I think larger councils only make bigger blunders	3/19/2015 5:44 PM
510	Woollahra can't continue to exist on it's own.	3/19/2015 5:39 PM
511	Some amalgamation appears to be necessary	3/19/2015 3:18 PM
512	Local is better	3/19/2015 12:05 PM
513	Because I don't believe in the State Government's amalgamation proposal, I don't see any strong evidence indicating that it's the best option	3/19/2015 10:33 AM

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514	can concentrate more on local issues	3/19/2015 10:21 AM
515	council neds know locals suppport stand alone gvmnt	3/19/2015 9:45 AM
516	There are more important issues	3/19/2015 9:12 AM
517	Retain independence and continued local support	3/19/2015 8:49 AM
518	Why did you ask that	3/19/2015 8:38 AM
519	best interests on a broader basis	3/19/2015 8:38 AM
520	Local government should be more centralised. Too much local red tape.	3/19/2015 8:28 AM
521	I want to retain the local emphasis	3/18/2015 10:06 PM
522	Amalgamation should only take place where it makes sense to do so. In Woollahra's case, it's sustainable, as is.	3/18/2015 6:26 PM
523	We are sustainable and effective on our won.	3/18/2015 3:14 PM
524	Do not want amalgamation. There are no demonstrated benefits.	3/18/2015 12:23 PM
525	NSW Govt is already bullying councils, the new law giving 2 votes per business is undemocratic. Coucil amalgamations will reduce community voice, we will lose our voices in our neighbourhood as to how we'd like it shaped.	3/18/2015 11:39 AM

Q11 Do you own or rent your property?

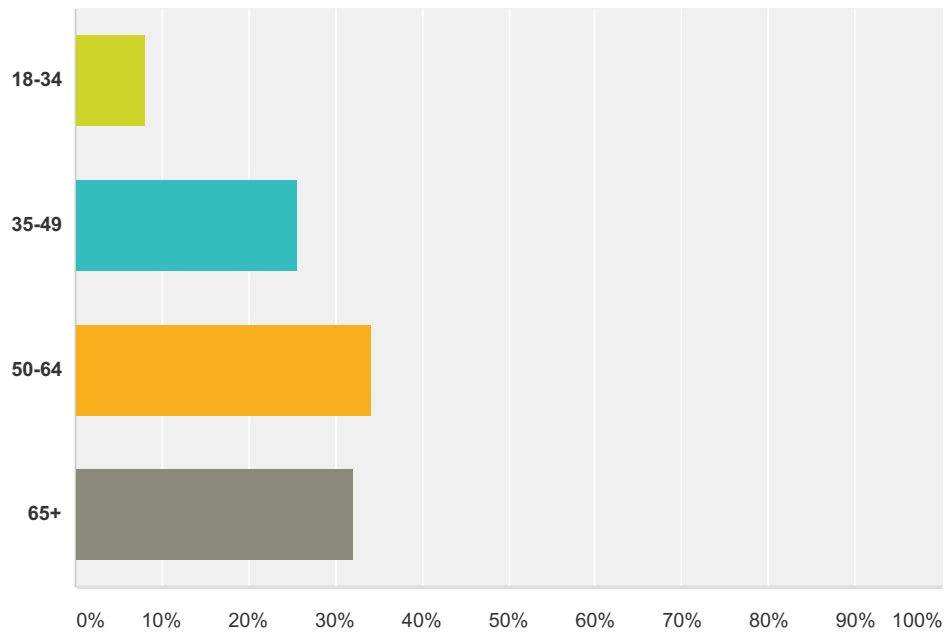
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I/we currently rent this property	11.59%	73
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Q12 Which of these age groups do you fit into?

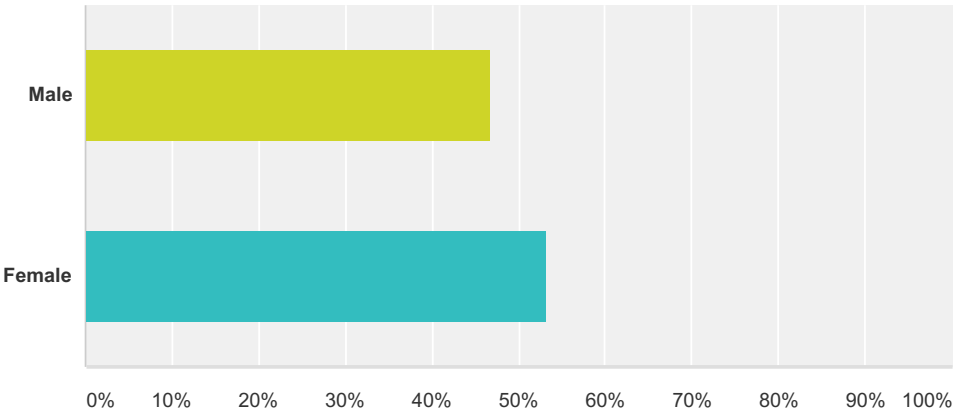
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Answer Choices	Responses
18-34	8.06% 51
35-49	25.59% 162
50-64	34.28% 217
65+	32.07% 203
Total	633

Q13 Gender

Answered: 632 Skipped: 63



Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	46.68%	295
Female	53.32%	337
Total		632










































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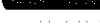
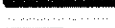














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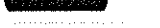








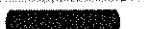





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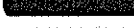










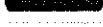

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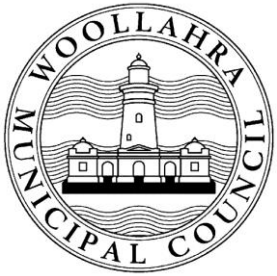
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Woollahra Municipal Council

Amalgamation Research

Prepared by: Micromex Research

Date: July 2013





Background





Methodology & Sample

Background

The State Government has instigated a process of review into Local Government. The Independent Local Government Review Panel has been created to analyse the councils in NSW, to identify their strengths and weaknesses, and to recommend a path for change.

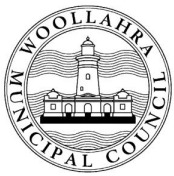
One of the points raised by the Review Panel is the possible need for boundary changes, consolidations, or in simple terms 'amalgamations'.

Woollahra Municipal Council wanted to undertake a community survey in order to measure the Woollahra community's attitude towards amalgamation.

Interviewing

A random telephone survey of 400 residents was conducted between 26th and 29th June 2013.

Interviewing was conducted in accordance with IQCA (Interviewer Quality Control Australia) Standards and the Market Research Society Code of Professional Conduct. Where applicable, the issues in each question were systematically rearranged for each respondent.



Methodology & Sample

Sampling error

A sample size of 400 provides a maximum sampling error of plus or minus 4.9% at 95% confidence.

Data analysis

The data within this report was analysed using SPSS V15.

Errors: Data in this publication is subject to sampling variability because it is based on information relating to a sample of residents rather than the total number. This difference (sampling error) may occur due to imperfections in reporting and errors made in processing the data. This may occur in any enumeration, whether it is a full count or sample. Efforts have been made to reduce the non-sampling error by careful design of the questionnaire and detailed checking of completed questionnaires.

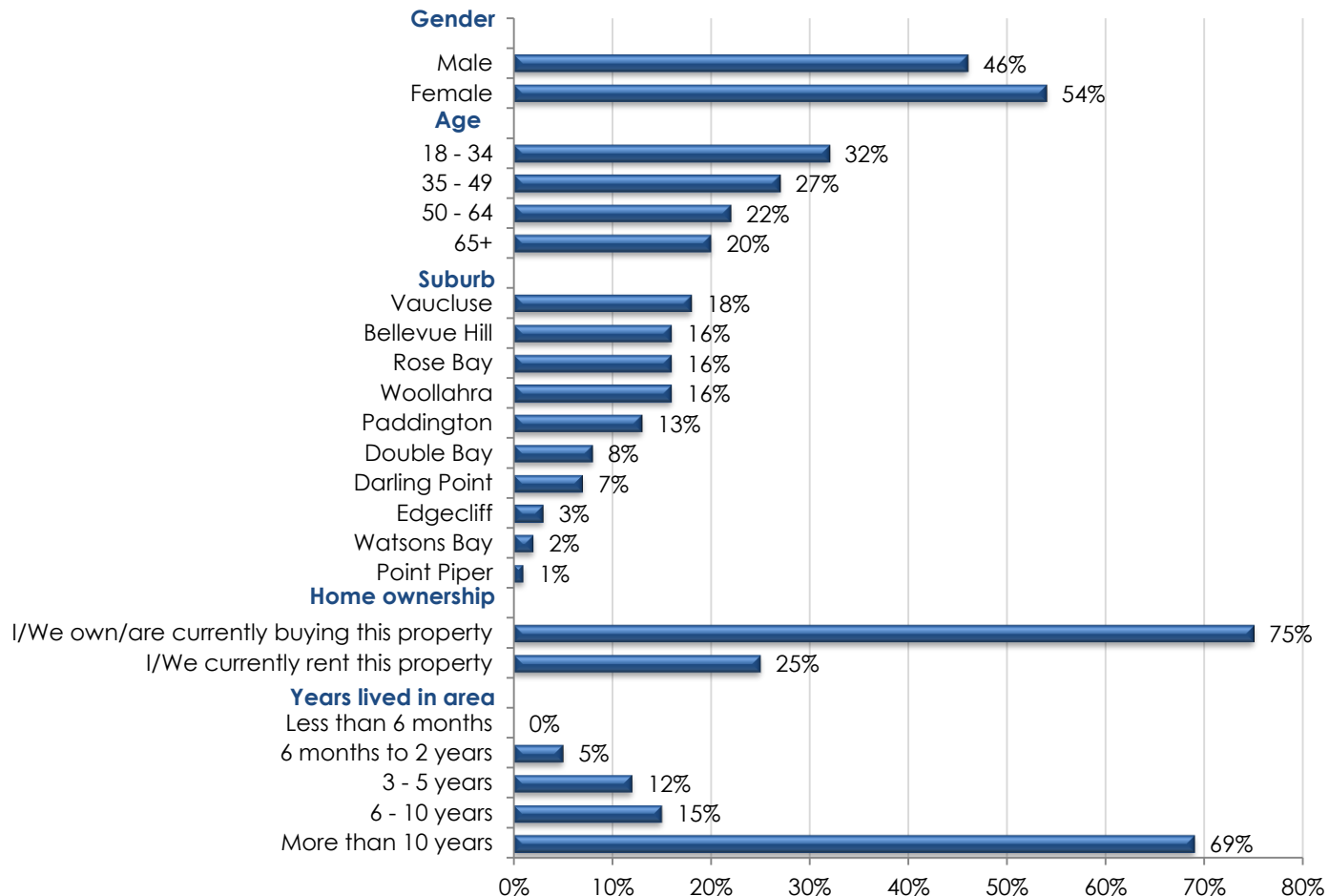


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The sample was weighted according to 2011 ABS Census Stats



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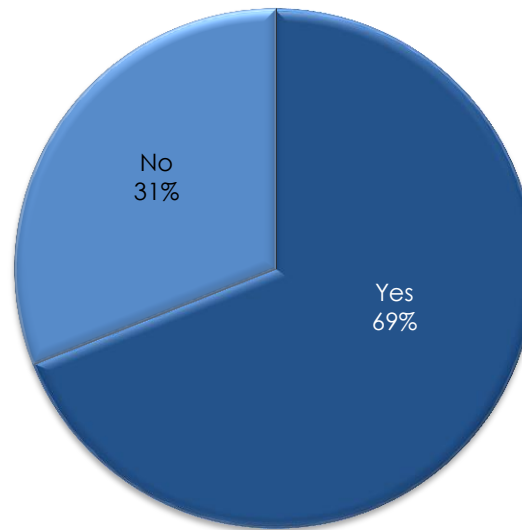




There Was A High Level Of Claimed Community Awareness Of The State Government's Review

Q. Are you aware that the State Government is reviewing the Local Government system in NSW?

A lower level of awareness was cited by 18-34 years than by all other age groups

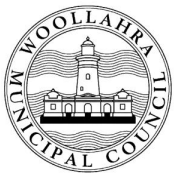


Those who own or are buying their home had a higher level of awareness than did those who rent

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Awareness is higher amongst home owners and older age groups



Amalgamation Concept Statement

The NSW Government appointed an Independent Local Government Review Panel to develop options to improve the strength and effectiveness of local government in NSW.

The Panel has recommended reducing the number of councils in metropolitan Sydney from about 40 to 15. This is to be achieved through merging/amalgamating councils.

Specifically, the Panel has recommended that Woollahra Council be amalgamated with the City of Sydney, Randwick, Waverley and Botany Bay Councils, and potentially Marrickville and Leichhardt Councils, to form a 'Global City' Council for Sydney with a population of up to 800,000 people.

The Mayor of Woollahra, Councillor Andrew Petrie, has publicly stated Woollahra Council's opposition to the proposed amalgamation on the basis that he sees no evidence in the Panel's report of any benefits from amalgamation for local residents. He also fears the loss of the 'local' connection between Council and the Woollahra community under the Global City as proposed by the Panel.

Woollahra Council is seeking our community's reaction to the 'Global City' idea.

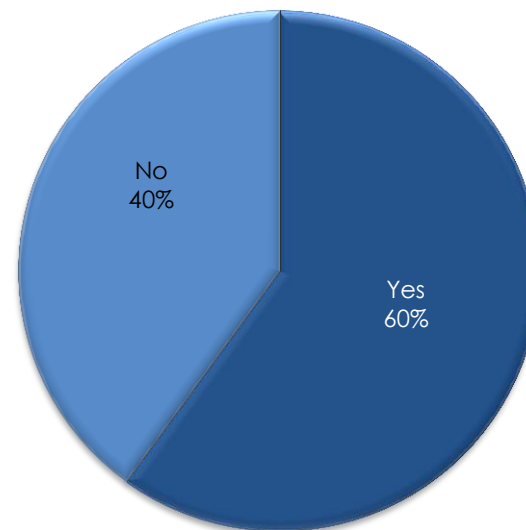


60% Of Residents Were Aware Of The 'Global City' Council Concept, Slightly Lower Than Claimed Awareness Of The State Government's Review

Q. As we indicated, the Panel has recommended that Woollahra Council be amalgamated with the City of Sydney, Randwick, Waverley and Botany Bay Councils, and potentially Marrickville and Leichhardt Councils to form a 'Global City' Council for Sydney. Were you aware of this recommendation?

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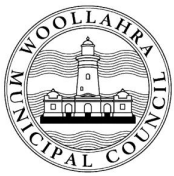
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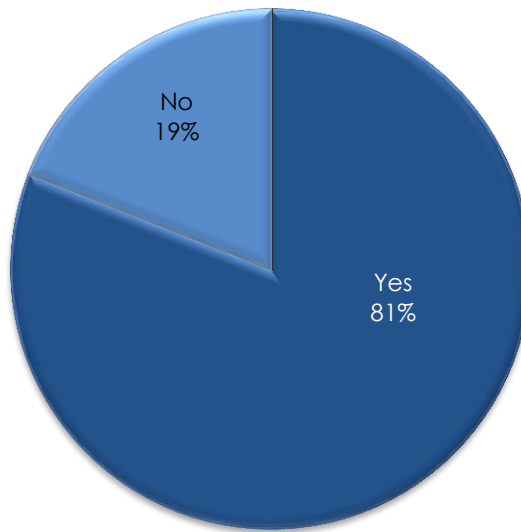
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Awareness was again identified to be higher amongst home owners and older age groups



The Majority Of Residents Support Woollahra Council In Opposing The Recommended Amalgamation

Q. Do you support Woollahra Council in opposing the recommended amalgamation?



Significantly more 18-34 year olds expressed support than did those in the 35-49 age group

Rose Bay and Woollahra residents stated they were supportive significantly more than did Edgecliff residents

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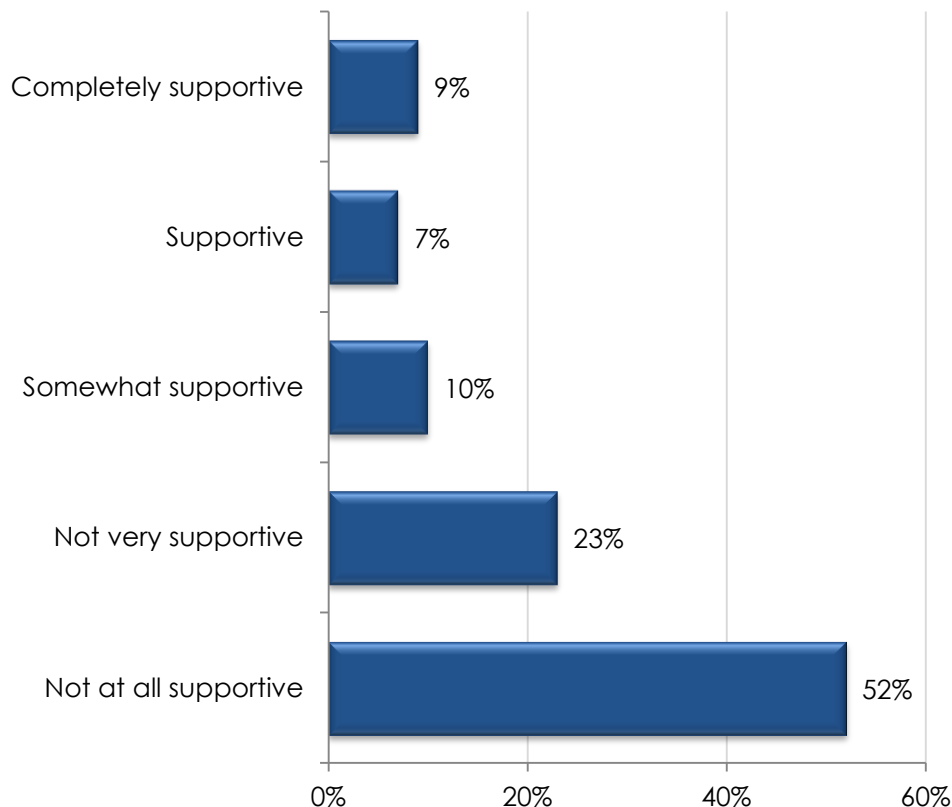
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Support was highest among 18-34 year olds and those living in the suburbs of Woollahra and Rose Bay



16% Of Residents Are Supportive – Completely Supportive Of This Proposal, Whilst 75% Are Not Very – Not At All Supportive

Q. In the absence of a business case from the state government that clearly demonstrates benefits for Woollahra residents, how supportive would you be of Woollahra Council being amalgamated into the 'Global City' as proposed by the Local Government Review Panel with a population increase from 57,000 to 800,000?



Overall mean rating	1.98
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Scale: 1 = not at all supportive, 5 = completely supportive

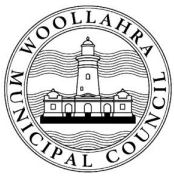
Ratio Of Positive to Negative
16:75%
1:4.7 Against

A significantly lower level of support was cited by residents aged 65+ than by 18-34 year olds

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Residents aged 65 expressed the lowest level of support



Not Very To Not At All Supportive (75%) Key Themes

- Q. How supportive would you be of Woollahra Municipal Council being amalgamated with six other nearby councils?
- Q. Why do you say that?



Difficult to manage

"Management of the LGA needs to be locally based so it best meets the needs of the community"

"The areas proposed are far too big for Council to be able to manage effectively"

Varied economic base

"Some of these councils are economically strong and others are weak. As Woollahra is strong, other Councils will rely on that economic base to support themselves"

Negative impact on services

"Council is effectively run as is and increasing the size would only decrease the quality in services and facilities"

Connection with the local community would be lost

"Too big a Council will result in a loss of personal connection that I feel I have with Woollahra Council"

Demographics are dissimilar

"Demographics and geography of these areas are vastly different and would not mesh well"

Residents' interests will be less important

"Global City Council would not have the specific interests of Woollahra residents in mind"

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Those who are not supportive of the amalgamations raised a range of concerns, with the common themes being inefficiencies, clashing economic bases, impacts on services and a loss of the area's unique identity



Somewhat Supportive (10%) Key Themes

- Q. How supportive would you be of Woollahra Municipal Council being amalgamated with six other nearby councils?
- Q. Why do you say that?

"The connection between local residents and Council would be lost, but there could be cost savings for the Council which could strengthen services"

"I don't feel I have enough information for me to make a qualified decision, however. I feel there would be an inequality in rates charged"

"Amalgamation is needed to create a more economic efficient Council, but this geographical area is too large"

"I would need to see what the benefits are for local residents, pros and cons, etc. before making an informed decision"

"I need more information, such as when it would happen and the specific effects on the community"

"It depends on the costs for the community. If rates and prices of services go up, then I am not supportive. If prices go down, then yes I am"

Those who are uncertain need more information to overcome concerns



Supportive To Complete Supportive (16%) Key Themes

- Q. How supportive would you be of Woollahra Municipal Council being amalgamated with six other nearby councils?
Q. Why do you say that?

"It would minimise the bureaucracy caused by too many small Council areas"

"There are too many layers of government and too many councils. There would be efficiencies with having larger regional councils than currently is the case"

"It's expensive to do business with Councils at the moment. It could be cheaper under amalgamation as rates could decrease"

"There are too many Councils in Sydney. Amalgamating will reduce corruption and create a more effective Council"

"Rates will go down with more people to draw money from"

"Simplified infrastructure for the State Government should cut cost associated with development and return rate payers' funds back into services for the community"

"It would improve the quality of services development"

"Amalgamation will enhance the services in the LGA, with less duplication of services across the areas"

"It would be a more effective way of governing"

"It's expensive to have a large number of councils"

"More cost effective with economy of scale from a larger Council"

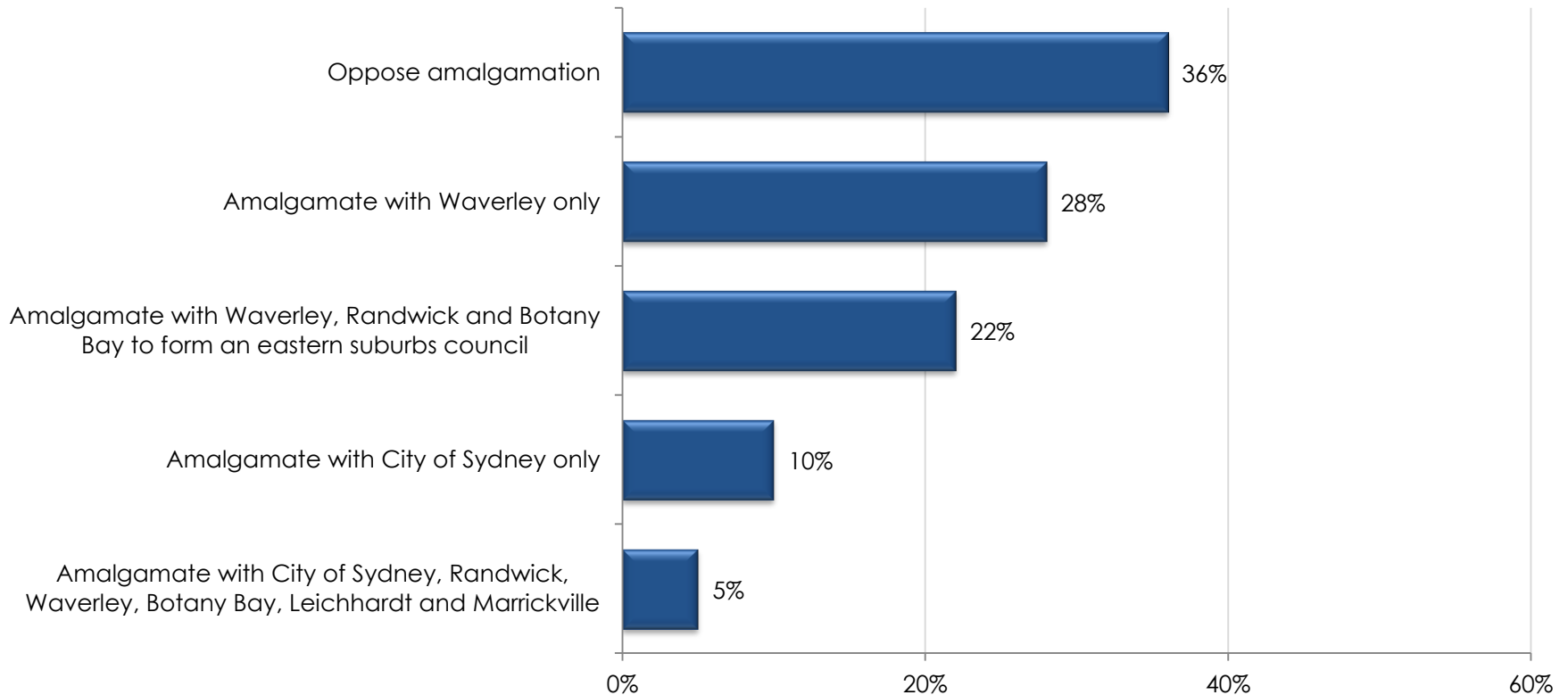
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Those in support of the proposal feel it will result in minimising bureaucracy, economic efficiencies and improved services



36% Of Residents Oppose Amalgamation Outright

Q. As we indicated, the Panel has recommended the 'Global City' option for Woollahra Council. If the State Government was to amalgamate Woollahra Council, what would be your preferred option?



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If pressed, 28% would choose to amalgamate with Waverley only, whilst 22% would prefer amalgamation with the eastern suburbs



Significant Differences Were Observed By Age And Gender

Q. As we mentioned, the Panel has recommended an option for Woollahra Municipal Council to become part of a super global city council. Which of the following options would be your preference?

	18 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64	65+	Male	Female	Own	Rent	Overall
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Oppose amalgamation	23%▼	37%	43%▲	48%▲	34%	38%	35%	37%	36%
Amalgamate with Waverley only	34%	26%	23%	24%	27%	28%	29%	22%	28%
Amalgamate with Waverley, Randwick and Botany Bay to form an eastern suburbs council	25%	24%	19%	16%	26%	18%	21%	24%	22%
Amalgamate with City of Sydney only	13%	8%	9%	7%	4%▼	14%▲	9%	10%	10%
Amalgamate with City of Sydney, Randwick, Waverley, Botany Bay, Leichhardt and Marrickville	5%	6%	5%	5%	9%▲	2%▼	5%	7%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

▲▼ = significantly higher/lower percentage by group

Those aged 50+ were most likely to oppose amalgamation outright



Significant Differences Were Observed By Suburb

Q. As we mentioned, the Panel has recommended an option for Woollahra Municipal Council to become part of a super global city council. Which of the following options would be your preference?

	Bellevue Hill	Darling Point	Double Bay	Edgecliff	Paddington	Point Piper	Rose Bay	Vaucluse	Watsons Bay	Woollahra
	n=64	n=29	n=32	n=13	n=52	n=5	n=63	n=73	n=7	n=52
Oppose amalgamation	36%	50%	42%	29%	28%	70%	37%	37%	55%	27%
Amalgamate with Waverley only	30%	9%▼	7%▼	4%	13%	10%	31%	42%▲	15%	44%▲
Amalgamate with Waverley, Randwick and Botany Bay to form an eastern suburbs council	17%	16%	42%	4%	34%	20%	26%	15%	15%	15%
Amalgamate with City of Sydney only	5%▼	21%	0%	40%▲	24%	0%	4%▼	2%▼	15%	10%
Amalgamate with City of Sydney, Randwick, Waverley, Botany Bay, Leichhardt and Marrickville	12%	4%	9%	23%	1%	0%	2%	4%	0%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

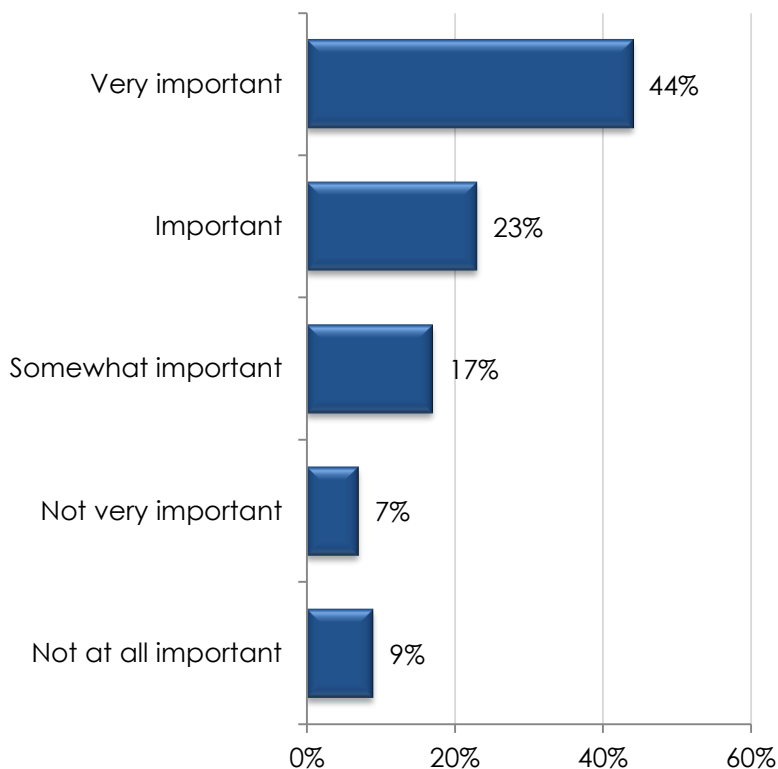
▲▼ = significantly higher/lower percentage by group

Edgecliff residents had a higher level of preference for the City of Sydney amalgamation, whilst Vaucluse and Woollahra residents prefer to amalgamate with Waverley only



84% Attributed A Positive Rating To The Importance Of Woollahra Retaining Its Independence And Continuing to Have A Local Connection And Representation

Q. As we have indicated, the Mayor of Woollahra fears the loss the 'local' connection between Council and the community if Woollahra Council was to be amalgamated into the 'Global City'. How important is it to you for Woollahra to retain its independence and for you to continue to have this 'local' connection and representation?



Overall mean rating

3.87

Females attributed a higher level than did males, whilst those aged 35-49 and 65+ ascribed significantly higher levels of importance than did 18-34 year olds

Scale: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important

Base: n=600

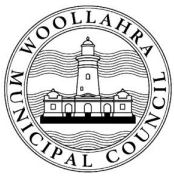
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Importance is higher amongst females and residents in the 35-49 and 65+ age groups



Conclusion





69% Of Residents Claim to Be Aware Of The Review Of The Local Government System, whilst 60% were aware of the 'Global City' Council concept.

At a broad level, 75% of residents are not very supportive - not at all supportive of the amalgamation option, versus 16% who are supportive - completely supportive.

- If we remove the fence-sitters (somewhat supportive 10%), the data shows that the community is **4.7:1** against amalgamation

Residents ascribe a high level of importance to retaining local representation.



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In 2007 Woollahra Municipal Council undertook the first Community Capacity Survey, consisting of a random survey of 600 residents, with a set of questions to measure levels of community connection and capacity within the Woollahra municipality. The survey also enabled Council to set benchmarks for social engagement.

Council wished to again conduct the Community Capacity Survey in 2012, enabling the identification of any changes in the Woollahra community and any areas that may require additional support.

Objectives of the 2012 survey included:

- Ascertaining how well Woollahra currently functions as a community
- Tracking current levels of engagement
- Tracking the variety of methods/activities people do and/or don't utilise in order to engage with each other

Micromex Research was contracted to complete the 2012 Community Capacity Survey.

What is Community Capacity?

Community capacity can be defined as 'networks of social relations which are characterised by norms of trust and reciprocity and which lead to outcomes of mutual benefit'¹.

Community capacity measures offer additional insight to conventional socio-economic indicators, thereby explaining why 'some areas with apparently similar populations and material resources may react differently in similar circumstances'². This social determinants analysis describes the contextual living circumstances that affect health, wellbeing and capacity.

Communities where residents feel safe, feel connected to their local community, that have strong community networks and high levels of social participation are more vibrant and enjoyable places to live, experience fewer social problems and are more resilient in times of difficulty³.

Community capacity research is, therefore, indicative of measures of social outcomes, quality of life and community well-being.

Onyx and Bullen⁴ have identified eight broad social indicators that relate to community capacity: social participation (including barriers); health; reciprocity; community networks; trust and safety; pro-activity; acceptance of diversity and inclusiveness; and optimism within the local community. Questions in the survey sought to measure community interconnectedness by tracking each of these eight social indicators, which, combined, provide an indication of community capacity.

Community Capacity 2007-2012

The key outcome in 2012 is the identification of improvements across the board from the survey conducted in 2007. This is an indication that community capacity in the Woollahra Municipal Council area has improved within this time period.

Specific improvements are detailed within the 8 social indicators below.

Social Participation

Social interaction is a prerequisite for community capacity – the ability of individuals to form new networks and connections⁴, and their willingness to share public space² are measures of participation. Conversely, measurement of barriers to social participation can help Council identify initiatives that may address these inhibitors.

- Participation has increased with arts/music/drama groups (31% v 20%)
- There are higher rates of participation in sporting/recreation activities (96% v 89%)
- There is more regular participation in social activities (84% v 74%)
- Participation in cultural activities is less likely to be described as 'rarely' (9% v 15%)

Health

Research indicates that social activity and connection promote feelings of health⁵. Measuring the perception of a person's own health can therefore be used as a proxy measure for social engagement within a community.

- Agreement with the statement 'In the last month I have been physically able to enjoy my usual activities' has increased (mean of 4.48 v 4.18)

Reciprocity

Feeling able to rely on or volunteering to help others indicates the extent to which people care for each other, in turn, can be a proxy indicator of the strength of a community⁴. Social networks and norms can encompass factors such as reciprocity, connectedness and cooperation that are central elements to community capacity⁵.

- There are increases in volunteering within the environmental/recreation sector (18% v 12%), business/professional/union sector (15% v 10%), arts and culture (14% v 10%), and health (14% v 10%)
- Disagreement with the statement 'I only help others who will repay the favour' has increased (mean of 1.86 v 1.65)

Community Networks

Networks of people that have formed due to sharing common attributes provides individuals with social support, access to information and the potential to access a wider range of opportunities⁶. Networks can also encourage adherence to social norms and foster feelings of trust⁶.

- Utilisation of communication modes has increased for mobile phones (96% v 87%), email (96% v 82%), text message/SMS (91% v 73%) and chat & social networking sites (58% v 36%)
- Residents are more likely to consider people in the same block as neighbours (18% v 13%)
- Residents are more likely to ask for help with borrowing household equipment (57% v 48%), looking after their house while they were away (65% v 59%) and in an emergency (85% v 78%)
- Agreement with the statement 'I have a supportive network of family and friends' has increased (mean of 4.35 v 4.22)

Trust and Safety

Trust includes believing that others will act as they say, act as they should and that what they say is reliable⁶. Perceived feelings of safety depend on levels of trust, confidence that others will respond as expected and will act in mutually supportive ways⁴. Trust is integral to community capacity as it allows individuals to work collaboratively⁷ and to participate in the local community.

Agreement has increased for the following statements;

- 'My area has a reputation for being a safe place' (mean of 4.36 v 3.85)
- 'My area is a friendly place to live' (mean of 4.03 v 3.87)
- 'My local community feels like home' (mean of 4.18 v 4.04)
- 25% of residents stated that there were places in the Woollahra area they would not go for safety reasons, which is lower than in 2007 (32%)
- Residents feel safer walking in their area after dark (mean: 3.43 v 3.04)
- Residents are more confident that a wallet would be returned with money in it (mean: 2.52 v 2.28)

Pro-activity

Individuals within a community need to feel engaged to undertake independent initiatives for the betterment of their community⁴. Willing engagement as a citizen of a community implies engagement with that community.

- Residents are more likely to have assisted neighbours by lending household equipment (50% v 42%) or in an emergency (47% v 38%)

Acceptance of Diversity and Inclusiveness

Perceptions of others are deemed to indirectly indicate levels of perceived safety and the ability of individuals to interact with others who may differ from themselves.

There were no significant differences from 2007.

Optimism

Feelings of optimism, or lack thereof, directly affect other indicators of community capacity – valuing life is one of the eight distinct elements identified by Onyx and Sawm⁴ as being a key indicator of community capacity.

- Residents were more likely to say the area has stayed about the same since they have been living there (67% v 54%) and less likely to say it has become worse (14% v 23%)
- Agreement with the statement; 'I have an optimistic view of the Woollahra area's future' has increased (mean rating 3.94 v 3.80)
- Generally, residents believe the area will stay about the same in the next 5 years (58%), whilst 27% say it will become better and 15% that it will become worse
- Residents were more likely to say the area will stay about the same over the next 5 years (58% v 47%) and less likely to say it will become worse (15% v 25%)

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Questionnaire

Micromex Research, together with Woollahra Municipal Council, reviewed and refined the 2007 questionnaire.

A copy of the questionnaire is provided in Appendix B.

Data collection

The survey was conducted during the period 18th – 24th July 2012 from 4:30pm to 8:30pm, Monday to Friday and 10:00am to 4:00pm Saturday.

Survey area

Woollahra Municipal Council Local Government Area.

Sample selection and error

The sample consisted of a total of 600 residents. The selection of respondents was by means of a computer based random selection process using the electronic White Pages.

A sample size of 600 residents provides a maximum sampling error of plus or minus 4.0% at 95% confidence. This means that if 50% percent of respondents answered 'yes' to a particular question, were all residents to be asked that question, the overall outcome would be between 46% (50% - 4%) and 54% (50% + 4%). The confidence level tells you how sure you can be. It is expressed as a percentage and represents how often the true percentage of the population would pick an answer that lies within the confidence interval. The 95% confidence level means you can be 95% certain.

The sample was weighted by age to reflect the 2011 ABS census data (see page 7).

Participants

Individuals in the household, 18 years or older, were selected using the 'last birthday' selection procedure. If the person was not at home, call-backs were scheduled for a later time. Unanswered calls were retried to a maximum of three times throughout the period of the survey.

Interviewing

Interviewing was conducted in accordance with IQCA (Interviewer Quality Control Australia) Standards and the Market Research Society Code of Professional Conduct.

Prequalification

Participants in this survey were pre-qualified as having lived in the Woollahra Municipal Council area for a minimum of six months and being aged 18 years old and older.

Data analysis

The data within this report was analysed using the statistical analytical software SPSS. To identify the statistically significant differences between the groups of means, 'One-Way Anova Test' and 'Independent Samples T-test' were used. 'Z Tests' were also used to determine statistically significant differences between column proportions.

Ratings questions

The Unipolar Scale of 1 to 5, where 1 was the lowest agreement or likelihood and 5 the highest agreement or likelihood, was used in all rating questions.

Mean rating explanation

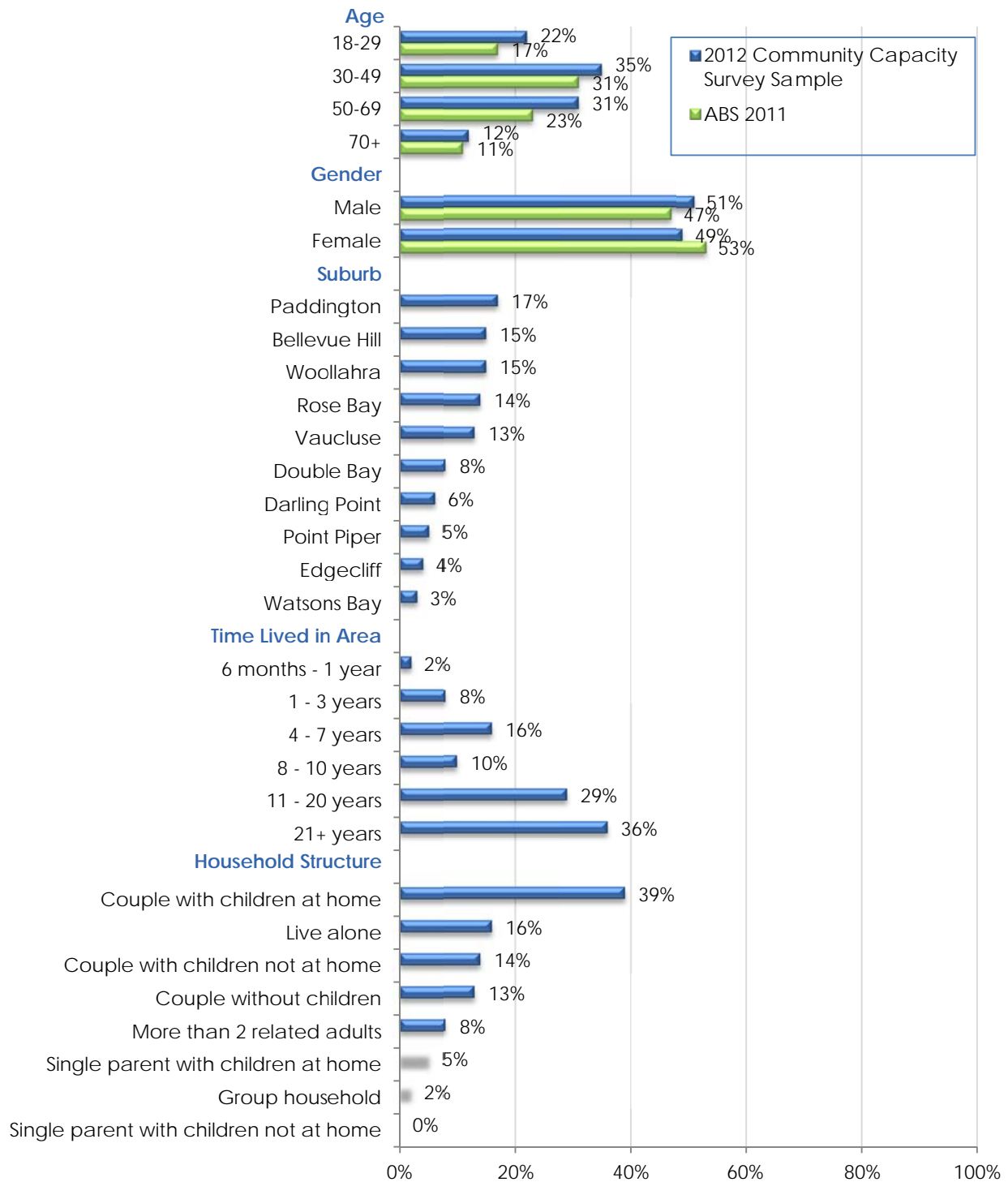
Mean rating:	1.99 or less	'Very low' level of agreement/likelihood
	2.00 – 2.49	'Low' level of agreement/likelihood
	2.50 – 2.99	'Moderately low' level of agreement/likelihood
	3.00 – 3.59	'Moderate' level of agreement/likelihood
	3.60 – 3.89	'Moderately high' level of agreement/likelihood
	3.90 – 4.19	'High' level of agreement/likelihood
	4.20 – 4.49	'Very high' level of agreement/likelihood
	4.50+	'Extremely high' level of agreement/likelihood

Errors: Data in this publication is subject to sampling variability because it is based on information relating to a sample of residents rather than the total number. This difference (sampling error) may occur due to imperfections in reporting and errors made in processing the data. This may occur in any enumeration, whether it is a full count or sample.

Efforts have been made to reduce the non-sampling error by careful design of the questionnaire and detailed checking of completed questionnaires.

Sample Profile

The sample profile closely reflects the profile of the broader community within the Woollahra Municipal Council area.



2012 Measuring Community Capacity Report n=600
Population of Woollahra Municipal Area (according to 2011 ABS census data): 52,160

Social Participation

Organised clubs or groups

Overall, 77% of residents are identified as participating in at least one of the prompted organised clubs or groups.

The highest levels of participation are identified as being with sporting/recreation groups (50%), followed by arts/music/drama groups (31%), church/religious groups (28%) and parents/school groups (26%).

When compared with 2007, participation has increased with the arts/music/drama groups (31% v 20%) and decreased with the church/religious groups (28% v 36%).

Non organised activities

Overall, residents reported high levels of participation in non-organised activities, particularly social activities (84% regularly) and sporting/recreation activities (82% regularly), whilst in comparison, participation in cultural activities was more likely to be 'occasional'.

When compared with 2007, the research in 2012 identifies higher rates of participation in sporting/recreation activities (96% v 89%). Residents in 2012 are also more likely to have regularly participated in social activities (84% v 74%) and less likely to have rarely participated in cultural activities (9% v 15%).

Public facility use

Use of public facilities is widespread, with parks (70% daily or weekly) and corner shops (74% daily or weekly) the most widely utilised.

Health

Frequency of walking

On average, residents walked continuously for at least 10 minutes, at least 5 times a week, with this result statistically similar to 2007. Male residents were identified as walking more often than females (5.53 times a week v 4.97 times) with no other statistically significant differences by age/length of time lived in the area/suburb of residence/household makeup.

Perception of their own health

80% of residents rate their health as 'good' or 'excellent', whilst 15% rate their health 'moderate', 4% 'fair' and 1% 'poor'. These ratings are statistically similar to 2007. Female residents were statistically significantly more likely than males to rate their health highly (mean of 4.16 v 3.98) with no other statistically significant differences by age/length of time lived in the area/suburb of residence/household makeup.

Importantly, there was also a very high level of agreement with the statement, 'In the last 12 months I have been physically able to enjoy my usual activities', with 91% of residents agreeing or strongly agreeing with this statement. Agreement with this statement also increased from 2007 (mean of 4.48 v 4.18).

Reciprocity

Volunteer work

In the previous 12 months, 45% of residents had assisted organisations or groups on a voluntary basis, with this result similar to 2007.

49% of females had assisted organisations or groups on a voluntary basis, which is statistically significantly higher than males (41%).

The analysis identified no other statistically significant differences by age/length of time lived in the area/suburb of residence/household makeup.

Of the residents who had not volunteered, 30% stated that, hypothetically, they were 'likely' or 'very likely' to volunteer, whilst 37% were 'not very likely' or 'not at all likely'. Likelihood to volunteer is similar to 2007.

The analysis identifies that females are statistically significantly more likely than males to volunteer (mean of 3.09 v 2.78), with no statistically significant differences by age/length of time lived in the area/suburb of residence/household makeup.

The key area for volunteering was 'community/welfare/education', with 31% of residents volunteering at some time in the past 12 months. The remaining sectors were similar to each other in their levels of volunteer involvement.

Comparisons with 2007 identify increases in volunteering within the environmental/recreation sector (18% v 12%), business/professional/union sector (15% v 10%), arts and culture (14% v 10%), and health (14% v 10%).

Importantly, there was also a very high level of disagreement with the statement, 'I only help others who will repay the favour', with 88% of residents disagreeing or strongly disagreeing with this statement. Disagreement with this statement also increased from 2007 (mean of 1.86 v 1.65).

Community Networks

Communication modes utilised

The vast majority of residents are identified as utilising a variety of communication modes, with utilisation having significantly increased from 2007 specifically for mobile phones (96% v 87%), email (96% v 82%), text message/SMS (91% v 73%) and chat & social networking sites (58% v 36%).

Neighbours

Neighbours are most likely considered to be the people who live in the same street as you (43%), the same block as you (18%) or next to you (16%). Residents in 2012 were more likely to consider people in the same block as neighbours (18% v 13%).

Only 5% of residents stated that they would not ask neighbours for help in any of the prompted circumstances.

The most common reason residents considered they would ask for assistance was in an emergency (85%), followed by for advice (65%), to look after their house while they were away (65%) and for borrowing household equipment (57%).

Key Findings

Comparisons with 2007 indicate that residents in 2012 were more likely to ask for assistance for borrowing household equipment (57% v 48%), to look after their house while they were away (65% v 59%) and in an emergency (85% v 78%).

Importantly, the majority of residents are identified as having an involvement with their neighbours, with only 27% expressing agreement with the statement; 'I have little to do with people in my neighbourhood'.

86% agreed or strongly agreed with the statement; 'I have a supportive network of family and friends'. Agreement with this statement also increased from 2007 (mean of 4.35 v 4.22).

Likelihood of running into friends

66% of residents stated that they were 'likely' or 'very likely' to run into friends when shopping, whilst 10% were 'not very likely' or 'not at all likely'. This likelihood is similar to 2007.

The analysis identifies that females are more likely than males to run into friends when shopping (mean of 4.16 v 3.69). Residents aged 30-49 and 50-69 are more likely than those aged 18-29 to run into friends when shopping (mean of 4.02 v 3.71), whilst residents from Rose Bay were more likely than those from Darling Point to run into friends when shopping (mean of 4.27 v 3.56).

Households of couples who had children living at home were more likely than couples without children to run into friends when shopping (mean of 4.08 v 3.57).

Trust and Safety

The area as a safe place

Residents have very high levels of agreement that their area has a reputation for being a safe place and high levels of agreement that it is a friendly place to live.

Agreement has increased from 2007 for both of these statements; 'my area has a reputation for being a safe place' (mean of 4.36 v 3.85) and 'my area is a friendly place to live' (mean of 4.03 v 3.87).

Residents have high levels of agreement with the statement; 'my local community feels like home', and moderately high levels of agreement with the statements; 'I trust those in my community' and 'I feel valued by society'.

Agreement has increased from 2007 for the statement; 'my local community feels like home' (mean ratings of 4.18 v 4.04).

Key Findings

Places avoided for safety reasons

25% of residents stated that there were places in the Woollahra area they would not go for safety reasons, which is lower than in 2007 (32%). 32% of females stated that there were places in the Woollahra area they would not go for safety reasons, which is statistically significantly higher than males (17%).

There were no statistically significant differences in responses by age, length of time living in the area or household structure.

51% of Watsons Bay residents stated there were places they would not go for safety reasons, which is statistically significantly higher than Point Piper residents (7%).

Of the areas that residents stated were unsafe, 42% were not in the Woollahra Municipal Council area.

Key areas mentioned were:

- Bondi Junction (16% of mentions)
- Rushcutters Bay/Rushcutters Bay Park (11% of mentions)
- Kings Cross (9% of mentions)
- All parks at night (8% of mentions)
- Cooper Park (6% of mentions)
- Trumper Park (4% of mentions)

Safety after dark

The large majority of residents feel safe walking in their area after dark. 52% of residents feel very safe and 39% somewhat safe, whilst 7% feel somewhat unsafe and only 1% feel very unsafe.

Compared to 2007, residents feel safer walking in their area after dark (mean: 3.43 v 3.04).

Males are more likely to feel safe than females (mean of 3.66 v 3.17), whilst there were no statistically significant differences in responses by age, length of time living in the area or household structure.

Vaucluse residents are more likely than Edgecliff residents to feel safe walking in their area after dark (mean of 3.63 v 3.08).

Potential return of valuables

22% of residents feel it is likely or very likely that if they lost a wallet or purse that contained \$200, it would be returned with the money in it. 29% believe this is somewhat likely, whilst 48% state that it is somewhat unlikely or unlikely.

Compared to 2007, residents are more confident that the wallet would be returned with money in it (mean: 2.52 v 2.28).

Residents aged 18-29 (mean: 2.85) were more confident than were those aged 50-69 (mean: 2.37) and 70+ (mean: 2.28), whilst there were no statistically significant differences in responses by gender, length of time living in the area or household structure.

Point Piper (mean rating: 3.12) and Vaucluse residents (mean: 2.80) were more confident than were Bellevue Hill residents (mean: 2.19) that the wallet would be returned with money in it.

Pro-activity

Helping neighbours

Only 11% of residents had not helped neighbours or local friends in the past 12 months.

The most common way of assisting was giving advice (71%), followed by lending equipment (50%), in an emergency (47%) and looking after their house while they were away (47%).

Comparisons with 2007 indicate that residents in 2012 were more likely to have assisted by lending household equipment (50% v 42%) or in an emergency (47% v 38%), but less likely to have assisted with transportation (41% v 48%).

Picking up rubbish

The large majority of residents (82%) reported having picked up other people's rubbish in a public place, which is a statistically similar result to 2007.

90% of 30-49 year olds and 86% of 50-69 year olds had picked up other people's rubbish in a public place, which is statistically significantly higher than those aged 18-29 (68%) and those aged 70+ (72%).

86% of female residents stated that they had picked up other people's rubbish, which is statistically significantly higher than males (78%).

There were no statistically significant differences identified by time they had lived in the area or by the suburb in which they live.

87% of couples without children, 84% of couples with children living at home, 86% of couples with children not living at home and 97% of single parents with children living at home stated that they had picked up other people's rubbish in a public place. This is statistically significantly higher than households with more than two related adults, with or without children (56%).

Acceptance of Diversity and Inclusiveness

Provision of support and inclusiveness

Opportunities to improve local support and inclusiveness were identified within the research, with residents only having moderate levels of agreement that their area is welcoming of people with different lifestyles, and provides adequate support for looking after children, the care of the elderly and the care of people with a disability.

Agreement with the statement 'I feel valued by society' is moderately high, suggesting a moderately strong perception of inclusiveness. This has not changed from 2007.

Optimism

Perceptions of recent changes in Woollahra

Generally, residents believe the area has stayed about the same since they have been living there (67%), whilst 19% say it has become better and 14% that it has become worse.

This result has improved from 2007, with residents more likely to say it has stayed about the same (67% v 54%) and less likely to say it has become worse (14% v 23%).

Residents aged 50-69 were more likely than 18-29 year olds to state that the area has become worse (20% v 9%), whilst residents who have lived in the area for 6 months to 3 years are more likely to state it has stayed the same than residents who have lived in the area for 11+ years (83% v 63%). There were no statistically significant differences by gender.

38% of Darling Point residents and 35% of Paddington residents stated that the area has become better, which is statistically significantly higher than for Bellevue Hill (10%) and Double Bay residents (9%).

69% of couples who had children living at home stated that the area had stayed the same, which is statistically significantly higher than households with two or more related adults, with or without children (46%).

Perceptions of Woollahra's future

Agreement with the statement; 'I have an optimistic view of the Woollahra area's future' is high with only 7% of respondents disagreeing with this statement. Importantly agreement with this statement has increased from 2007 (mean rating 3.94 v 3.80).

Generally, residents believe the area will stay about the same in the next 5 years (58%), whilst 27% say it will become better and 15% it will become worse.

This result has improved from 2007, with residents more likely to say it will stay about the same (58% v 47%) and less likely to say it will become worse (15% v 25%).

36% of 18-29 year olds felt that the area will become better, which is statistically significantly higher than residents aged 70+ (16%). 17% of residents who had been living in the area for 11+ years stated that it would become worse, which is statistically significantly higher than those who had been living in the area for 6 months to 3 years (3%).

66% of Vaucluse residents felt the area will stay about the same, which is statistically significantly higher than those living in Double Bay (35%). There were no statistically significant differences by gender or household makeup.

Key Findings

Recommending the area

94% of residents stated that they would recommend the area to friends, which is a similar result to 2007.

Key reasons for recommending the area are its location (close to the city and beaches), local facilities, safety and beauty of the area.

97% of residents aged 50-69 would recommend the area, which is statistically significantly higher than those aged 18-29 (88%). There were no statistically significant differences in responses by gender or length of time living in the area.

97% of those living in Paddington, 98% of those in Rose Bay and 97% of those in Woollahra would recommend the area, which is statistically significantly higher than residents living in Double Bay (80%) and Vaucluse (82%).

97% of residents who live alone, 97% of couples with children living at home and 98% of couples with children not living at home would recommend the area, which is statistically significantly higher than households with more than two related adults, with or without children (77%).

2007-2012 A Summary of the Statistically Significant Improvements

As stated previously, the key outcome in 2012 is the identification of across the board improvements from the survey conducted in 2007. This is an indication that community capacity in the Woollahra Municipal Council area has improved within this time period.

Specific improvements from 2007 are summarised below.

Social Participation

- Participation has increased with the arts/music/drama groups (31% v 20%)
- There are higher rates of participation in sporting/recreation activities (96% v 89%)
- There is more regular participation in social activities (84% v 74%)
- Participation in cultural activities is less likely to be described as 'rarely' (9% v 15%)

Health

- Agreement with the statement 'In the last month I have been physically able to enjoy my usual activities' has increased (mean of 4.48 v 4.18)

Reciprocity

- There are increases in volunteering within the environmental/recreation sector (18% v 12%), business/professional/union sector (15% v 10%), arts and culture (14% v 10%), and health (14% v 10%)
- Disagreement with the statement 'I only help others who will repay the favour' has increased (mean of 1.86 v 1.65)

Community Networks

- Utilisation of communication modes has increased for mobile phones (96% v 87%), email (96% v 82%), text message/SMS (91% v 73%) and chat & social networking sites (58% v 36%)
- Residents are more likely to consider people in the same block as neighbours (18% v 13%)
- Residents are more likely to ask for assistance for borrowing household equipment (57% v 48%), to look after their house while they were away (65% v 59%) and in an emergency (85% v 78%)
- Agreement with the statement 'I have a supportive network of family and friends' has increased (mean of 4.35 v 4.22)

Trust and Safety

Agreement has increased for the following statements;

- 'My area has a reputation for being a safe place' (mean of 4.36 v 3.85)
- 'My area is a friendly place to live' (mean of 4.03 v 3.87)
- 'My local community feels like home' (mean of 4.18 v 4.04)
- 25% of residents stated that there were places in the Woollahra area they would not go for safety reasons, which is lower than in 2007 (32%)
- Residents feel safer walking in their area after dark (mean: 3.43 v 3.04)
- Residents are more confident that the wallet would be returned with money in it (mean: 2.52 v 2.28)

Pro-activity

- Residents are more likely to have assisted neighbours by lending household equipment (50% v 42%) or in an emergency (47% v 38%)

Acceptance of Diversity and Inclusiveness

There were no significant differences from 2007.

Optimism

- Residents were more likely to say the area has stayed about the same since they have been living there (67% v 54%) and less likely to say it has become worse (14% v 23%)
- Agreement with the statement; 'I have an optimistic view of the Woollahra area's future' has increased (mean rating 3.94 v 3.80)
- Generally, residents believe the area will stay about the same in the next 5 years (58%), whilst 27% say it will become better and 15% that it will become worse
- Residents were more likely to say the area will stay about the same over the next 5 years (58% v 47%) and less likely to say it will become worse (15% v 25%)



Appendix B

Questionnaire

Woollahra Council
Measuring Community Capacity in the Municipality of Woollahra - 2012

Good evening, My name is _____ from Micromex Research and I'm calling on behalf of Woollahra Council. We are conducting a survey to ask residents what they think about the area they live in and the local activities that they undertake. The survey is part of the Council's planning for the future of the area and should only take 15 mins to complete. Would you or anyone in your household be able to assist please? (Note: If time is not appropriate organise for a call back)

Thank you.

Just to advise you that this survey is completely confidential and the information that you give will not allow you to be identified.

Pre-Qualification

Q0a. Which suburb in the Woollahra Council area is this household in?

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Bellevue Hill | <input type="radio"/> | |
| Darling Point | <input type="radio"/> | |
| Double Bay | <input type="radio"/> | |
| Edgecliff | <input type="radio"/> | |
| Paddington | <input type="radio"/> | (If Paddington, please confirm they are in the Woollahra Council area) |
| Point Piper | <input type="radio"/> | |
| Rose Bay | <input type="radio"/> | |
| Vaucluse | <input type="radio"/> | |
| Watsons Bay | <input type="radio"/> | |
| Woollahra | <input type="radio"/> | |
| Not in the Woollahra Council area | <input type="radio"/> | (terminate survey) "I'm sorry we really need to talk to people who live in the Woollahra area" |
| Don't know/Unsure | <input type="radio"/> | (terminate survey) "I'm sorry we really need to talk to people who live in the Woollahra area" |

Q0b: How many years have you lived in the Woollahra area?

- | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Less than 6 months | <input type="radio"/> | (terminate survey) "I'm sorry we really need to talk to people who have lived in the area for more than six months – thank you for your time today" |
| 6 months - 1 year | <input type="radio"/> | |
| 1 – 3 | <input type="radio"/> | |
| 4 – 7 | <input type="radio"/> | |
| 8 – 10 | <input type="radio"/> | |
| 11 – 20 | <input type="radio"/> | |
| 21+ | <input type="radio"/> | |

Organised Activities

- Q1. I will begin by asking you some questions about activities that you do.
In the last 12 months, how often have you been actively involved in any of the following types of organised clubs or groups? *Prompt*

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Regularly	Don't know/ Unaware
Sporting/recreation group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Church/religious group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts/music/drama group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seniors group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parents/school group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Residents Association	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Non-Organised Activities

- Q2a. In the last 12 months how often have you been involved in the following non-organised activities?
Prompt

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Regularly	D/K/ Unaware
Sporting/recreation activities <i>e.g. skating, swimming, jogging, ball sports, picnics, walking the dog etc</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social activities <i>e.g. cafes, restaurants, pubs, hotels etc</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural activities <i>e.g. Theatre, Art Gallery, Museum, discussions, seminars etc</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Activity/Mode of Communication

- Q2b. In the last 12 months, how often have you used the following modes of communication?

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Regularly	D/K/ Unaware
Catching up in person (e.g. at cafés, restaurants, shops, community/recreational activities etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Home phone/land line	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mobile phone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Text message/SMS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Email	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chat & social networking sites (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Skype)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Exercise Routine & Health

Q3a. Now I would like to ask you two questions regarding your exercise routine and health. Thinking of the Autumn months of April and May, how often did you walk continuously for at least 10 minutes either for recreation, exercise or to get from place to place? *Prompt*

- Every day ☐
- Every second day ☐
- Weekly ☐
- Once a fortnight ☐
- Didn't walk ☐
- Can't walk ☐
- No response/not sure ☐

Q3b. Overall how would you rate your health? *Prompt*

- Poor ☐
- Fair ☐
- Moderate ☐
- Good ☐
- Excellent ☐
- No response/unsure ☐

Q4. How often do you use the following public facilities? *Prompt*

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Couple of times a year	Annually	Never
Parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local/corner shops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Beaches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball/netball courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Libraries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Football fields/ovals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking tracks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Art Gallery/Museum	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Voluntary Work

Q5a. In the last 12 months, have you assisted any organisations or groups on a VOLUNTARY basis?

Yes ☐ No ☐ (If no, go to 5c)

Q5b. How often are you involved in the following areas on a voluntary basis? (then go to Q6)

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Regularly
Environmental/recreation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business/professional/union	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community/welfare/education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts and culture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Religious groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

- Q5c. If 'No' – Hypothetically, how likely would you be to register to assist with some form of community volunteer work?**
(Surveyor note – we are not seeking to register people – we are just evaluating the willingness of people to participate in volunteer work)

Very likely	Likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

- Q6. Which of the following are the 2 MOST LIKELY things that would allow you to become MORE involved in your local area? (Note: 1=most likely, 2=2nd most likely) Prompt**

More free time	.....
Financial capacity	.....
Greater interest in an issue	.....
Being asked to contribute	.....
Feeling less cynical	.....
Feeling you have some skills to contribute	.....
Doing less of what you are doing now	.....
Being more physically able	.....
Being better informed	.....
Nothing not interested	.....
Other (please specify).....	.....

Neighbourhood

Now I would like to ask you some questions about your neighbourhood.

- Q7a. Who do you consider to be your neighbours? Prompt (one answer only)**

Only those people in the houses/units/townhouses next to you	<input type="radio"/>
All the people in your block of units/townhouses	<input type="radio"/>
All the people who live in the same street as you	<input type="radio"/>
All the people who live in the same block as you	<input type="radio"/>
All the people who live in the same suburb as you	<input type="radio"/>
No-one	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify).....	<input type="radio"/>

- Q7b. In which of the following ways have you helped neighbours or local friends in the past 12 months? Prompt (Select all that apply)**

Given advice	<input type="radio"/>
With transportation	<input type="radio"/>
Lent them household equipment	<input type="radio"/>
Looked after their house while they were away (e.g. water plants, care for pets)	<input type="radio"/>
Assisted them with shopping	<input type="radio"/>
Cared for a member of their family (children or adults)	<input type="radio"/>
Lent them money	<input type="radio"/>
In an emergency	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify).....	<input type="radio"/>

Q7c. In which of the following circumstances would you ask your neighbours or local friends for help?
Prompt. Select all that apply

- For advice ☐
- For transportation ☐
- For borrowing household equipment ☐
- To look after your house while you were away
(e.g. water plants, care for pets) ☐
- Assistance with shopping ☐
- To care for a member of your family (children or adults) ☐
- To borrow money ☐
- In an emergency ☐
- Other (please specify)..... ☐

Q7d. When you go shopping in your local area how likely is it that you will run into friends or acquaintances? Prompt

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Very likely | Likely | Somewhat likely | Not very likely | Not at all likely | N/A |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Q8. In the past 12 months, have you ever picked up other people's rubbish in a public place?

- Yes ☐ No ☐

Q9. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
(Please rate these on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1=strongly disagree, 2=disagree, 3=neither agree or disagree, 4=agree, 5=strongly agree)

	Strongly disagree			Strongly agree	
	1	2	3	4	5
My area has a reputation for being a safe place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My area is a friendly place to live	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My area is welcoming of people with different lifestyles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My area provides adequate support for looking after children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My area provides adequate support for care of elderly people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My area provides adequate support for the care of people with a disability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q10. The following statements will focus on your personal beliefs and perceptions.
(Please rate these on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1=strongly disagree, 2=disagree, 3=neither agree or disagree, 4=agree, 5=strongly agree)

	Strongly disagree			Strongly agree	
	1	2	3	4	5
I have little to do with people in my neighbourhood	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I trust those in my community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have an optimistic view of the Woollahra area's future	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have a supportive network of family and friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In the last month I have been physically able to enjoy my usual activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In the last month I have been emotionally able to enjoy my usual activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Generally, we should be able to manage without needing help from others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I only help others who will repay the favour	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel safe alone in my own home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I enjoy living amongst people of different lifestyles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My local community feels like home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel valued by society	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q11a. Are there any places in the Woollahra area that you would NOT go for safety reasons?

Yes ☐ No ☐ (If no, go to Q12)

Q11b. Please tell me where the places are, and why you wouldn't go there?

Where:	Reasons:
.....
.....
.....

Q12. How safe do you feel walking in your area after dark? Prompt

Very safe	Somewhat safe	Somewhat unsafe	Very unsafe	N/A
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q13. If you lost a wallet or purse that contained \$200, how likely is it that it would be returned with the money in it? Prompt (one answer only)

Unlikely	<input type="radio"/>
Somewhat unlikely	<input type="radio"/>
Somewhat likely	<input type="radio"/>
Likely	<input type="radio"/>
Very likely	<input type="radio"/>
Don't know/no response	<input type="radio"/>

Local Area

The following questions relate to optimism in your local area.

Q14a. Since you've been living here, would you say that as a place to live your local area has: Prompt (one answer only)

- Become better ☐
- Stayed about the same ☐
- Become worse ☐
- Don't know/no response ☐

Q14b. In the next 5 years, would you say that as a place to live your local area will: Prompt (one answer only)

- Become better ☐
- Stay about the same ☐
- Become worse ☐
- Don't know/no response ☐

Q14c. Would you recommend living here to friends?

- Yes ☐ No ☐

Q14d. May I ask why?

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.....

Demographics

The final few questions provide us with an idea of who we have surveyed and who we yet need to survey. This information will remain confidential and is not able to be traced back to you.

15a. Could I please ask you to nominate your 'age group' from the following options: Prompt

- 18-29 ☐
- 30-49 ☐
- 50-69 ☐
- 70+ ☐

Q15b. Which of the following best describes your household? Prompt

- Live alone ☐
- Couple without children ☐
- Couple with children living at home ☐
- Couple with children not living at home ☐
- Single parent with children living at home ☐
- Single parent with children not living at home ☐
- More than 2 related adults, with or without children ☐
- Group household of unrelated individuals ☐
- Other arrangement ☐
- Not sure/no answer ☐

Q15c. Gender (by voice).

Male ☐ Female ☐

Thank you very much for your time in participating in this survey. Just reminding yyou that my name is from Micromex Research and this survey is being conducted on behalf of Woollahra Council. I hope you have a good evening.

If asked or required by respondent: Should you wish to verify the legitimacy of this survey research please contact:

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