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Dear Sir/Madam

Would you please register this **Objection** to the merger of Canada Bay Council with Auburn and Burwood Councils to form the Sydney Olympic Park City Council.

I **strongly object** to any proposed merger taking place with Auburn and Burwood Councils or, indeed, any other Council, on the grounds that this would definitely **not** serve the best interests of any rate payers living in either the Canada Bay Council, Burwood Council or Auburn Council precincts.

Having lived in Sydney for many years and observing these types of mergers, it has become very clear to me **“combining and making bigger”** is **never** the best use of resources or rate payer’s money. It is very evident that when this occurs the following takes place:

- Ratepayers witness a marked deterioration within their community. **“Bigger is not better”**, rather everyone suffers as a result. Due to increased size caused by mergers and amalgamations, services and infrastructure rapidly deteriorate to quite a degree, rates rise and residents are always faced with difficulties in getting anything attended to in a timely and efficient way. Everything takes twice as long to get done! Councils are never very efficient at the best of times, however, whenever there is an increase in size, they become even more inefficient.
- There is always a **“strong bias”** within the newly created Council towards certain suburbs depending upon where the new Council is located. Funding is inevitably channelled to benefit the “home turf” and other suburbs are forgotten about.

To demonstrate a point, the suburbs of Balmain and Rozelle fall under domain of Leichhardt Council. Balmain and Rozelle residents do not get very much in return for the high rates they pay to Leichhardt Council, whereas the suburb of Leichhardt in comparison is very well looked after. Maintenance of parks, footpaths and roads are a disgrace in Balmain and Rozelle not to mention all the high rise development that’s been authorised and has taken place in these two suburbs around the harbour foreshores. There is not much forethought been given in regards to DA’s and this is such a tragedy for future generations and their living conditions in our beautiful city of Sydney. Leichhardt Council just doesn’t care about these two suburbs because it is not in its area. Definitely a case of “out of sight, out of mind”.

Canada Bay residents, therefore, will definitely not be well served with a Council located in the Sydney Olympic Park area. The same thing as has occurred in the Leichhardt/Balmain/Rozelle suburbs will take place in the Canada Bay area with any amalgamation.

Residents of Drummoyne **do not favour** a merger of all these individually large Council areas under the proposed Sydney Olympic Park City Council. We strenuously object.

