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Submission: I strongly support Pittwater Council retaining its current boundaries, as a resident of Pittwater for almost 30 years and a former employee of both Warringah and Pittwater Councils.

Bigger is not necessarily better (eg as discovered with the former Greater London Council). Over the past 23 years since its secession from Warringah, as approved by the then State Government, Pittwater has proven itself capable of good governance across the economic, environmental and community spheres, meeting both its local and state obligations.

Now in 2015 more than ever there is no argument for any forced amalgamation. The economies of scale as argued back then are now largely irrelevant. Unlike 23 years ago, many Council services are outsourced, there is far less need for Council depots and plant, and increased regional cooperation can result in much more successful planning and information sharing for trans boundary matters such as climate change, open space, catchment areas, and management of shared facilities such as Kimbriki. No amalgamation is necessary for Pittwater and staff should be allowed to get on with their real work rather than further digression on State Government whims.