



24 July, 2015

Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
PO Box K35
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Dear Sirs

**RE: PROPOSED COUNCIL AMALGAMATION BETWEEN CANADA BAY
COUNCIL, AUBURN COUNCIL AND BURWOOD COUNCIL**

I write to record my objection to the proposed amalgamation endorsed by City of Canada Bay Council to merge with both Auburn Council and Burwood Council.

1. The proposed amalgamation was pushed through Canada Bay Council by the Mayor and four (4) councillors. This was done without wider community consultation or approval.
2. Auburn is not part of the "Inner West" and has nothing in common with the municipality of Canada Bay.
3. I can see no benefit to the residents of the City of Canada Bay municipality to merge with Auburn Council which is currently indebted to the sum of \$15 million.
4. Such a merger can only result in loss of amenities to the Canada Bay municipality and increased rates, not for legitimate purposes, but through being burdened by another Council's long standing inefficient management and consequent debt.
5. Since Auburn municipality has nothing in common with the municipality of Canada Bay, councillors resident in the Auburn area will not have the same interest in the local environs or knowledge of the Canada Bay area and its residents.
6. The area and populace of the proposed amalgamation is too large for effective management.

7. Finally, I am concerned that partisan arrangements have taken place to effect this proposed amalgamation. I am led to this conclusion by the lack of consultation with the community.

I have chosen to live in the Canada Bay municipality because I find the area pleasant, with generous parks/open spaces, walking tracks and well cared for facilities. I do not wish to have the less than congenial socio-economic aspects of Auburn municipality, their inefficiency or their debt thrust upon me.

Yours faithfully

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Diana Carr
Resident of City of Canada Bay since 1978 (37 years)