

From: Katy Ballard [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 29 July 2015 12:22 AM
To: IPART Mailbox
Subject: Re proposed amalgamation of Burwood Council with Auburn City Council and City of Canada Bay Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Burwood Council residents, mainly owner occupiers are not in favour of being forced to amalgamate with Auburn and City of Canada Bay. The proposed coverage in area is not logical from a geographic viewpoint. The character of Burwood Council area has its own identity and being able to deal with council on local issues would be lost. We would lose community participation as access to a local council office would be more cumbersome and impersonal.

Shared services already exist and could be expanded where viable. Perhaps IPART could assess what the councils have proposed on shared services.

Long term population growth is expected to increase substantially in all areas hence the reason why not to force mega amalgamations.

Amalgamation has not been successful in Queensland, so why force councils into mega councils in NSW? It is a costly process and it would be wise to investigate why it went so wrong in Queensland.

I hope my concerns will be considered.

Kind regards,

Katherine Ballard