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Submission: This proposal has not undertaken reasonably adequate consultation.

It is clearly not advantageous to merge with councils that share such a small border. We do not share the commercial or community interests of Auburn or Canada Bay.

Burwood would clearly be disadvantaged as the fiscally strongest municipality.

With a minority population level, Burwood would battle for a voice in a local government authority dominated by a population that does not share our local areas and communities and commercial interests.

I have paid a premium to purchase a home in an area that has consistently upheld its stated policies and values in relation to the balance of progress and heritage, and that listens to its community and is responsive. Within this policy framework the residents share a very strong sense of community that has made the mortgage pain worthwhile. But real estate values will fall if that is compromised. And we will leave the area.