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Sent: Monday, 6 July 2015 5:40 PM
To: Local Government Mailbox
Subject: Amalgamation of Canada Bay Council with Auburn and Burwood Councils

To whom it may concern,

I have been a resident of Drummoyne now for about two years now and I must say that I have been impressed with the way with the Canada Bay Council runs the financial affairs of my city and especially with its communications with its residents however to my dismay and as a result of a mail drop received last week, I was appalled to discover that Canada Bay council has agreed to amalgamate with Auburn and Burwood Councils to form the new Sydney Olympic Park City Council. I strongly object to this merger for the following reasons;

- 1) The local community of Canada Bay was never consulted. As a matter of fact its only recently when the mayors ran a campaign objecting strongly to amalgamation with other councils.
- 2) Our representatives were elected to listen to the local community.
- 3) Auburn is the most socio-economic disadvantaged area in Sydney with low property values and is not located in the Inner West.
- 4) Huge increase in Council rates – over 20% for ratepayers in Canada Bay Council.
- 5) Auburn Council is \$15 million in debt.
- 6) Councillor representing Canada Bay residents will decline as Auburn has a larger population.

I believe that the decision to merge is politically based and not for the benefit of the local community as we were never consulted on this submission to IPART.

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