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Submission: I speak for my partner Peter Tierney and myself. We support Pittwater Council's submission to the 'Fit for the Future' assessment of local government.

Scale is unacceptable as an overarching assessment of capacity to be fit for the future. Local government is about community. A sense of community and belonging is unable to be priced by a regulatory authority. As long as that community demonstrates its solvency and vibrant participation by its citizens why would anyone seek to change it?

We fought hard for our liberation from a large scale council that demonstrated corruption, fiscal irresponsibility, and abused the trust of its constituents time and time again. Why would we wish to return to that kind of governance?

Pittwater has a proven record of responsible, effective and inclusive local government. We are definitely fit for the future- as we are by any reasonable measure. I call upon our local member to remember that- to change the criteria for council amalgamations to require onus on local council to be effective rather than large and to introduce new planning laws that re-embed community as the core of our society.