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My home being two streets away from the Council border of Ashfield with Burwood.

Given my close proximity to Ashfield town Centre the majority of the services I access are at Ashfield. These include medical, other professionals services, shopping and recreational.

While I do not object to the proposed merger between Burwood, Canada Bay and Auburn Councils I believe that Ashfield should also be incorporated into this grouping.

Some of the reasons for advocating this are:

- the common border that exists between Burwood and Ashfield Councils.
- part of Croydon Park is already in the Ashfield Council area. This merger would ensure that two of the areas of Croydon Park which are currently in two council areas will come under the same council. This will make it easier for planning and implementing projects and obtain greater consistency (Note another part of Croydon Park is in the Canterbury Council area.)
- Ashfield Council has Parramatta Road in their catchment so bringing Ashfield Council into the proposal will make the management of this road and the significant development that is intended for it more effective.
- The West Connect impacts on both Burwood and Ashfield Council's and will need significant co-ordination between the Councils and the State Government.
- The cosmopolitan nature of Ashfield (an estimated 15 % of people born in China) fits with the ethnic mix of Auburn and Burwood.
- Some Community Services e.g Inner West Neighbourhood Support Service operate across Burwood, Canada Bay and Ashfield.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely

Trevor Aldridge