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Submission: Warringah Council's submission appears to have been developed to support their prior preferred option of one large council for the Northern Beaches rather than being based on factual information and data. Their claim that a single council would save \$250M over ten years is unsupported. Indeed it is contradicted by the KPMG report. Prof Dollery's reports indicate that the proposed amalgamation of the three councils would not lead to cost reductions and any savings would be negligible. What is the price of the loss of the democratic voice of local people who want their local council to be truly local and to be involved in its affairs?

The highly partial behaviour of Warringah Council towards the amalgamation issue is to be deplored, particularly its ratepayer funded marketing activities to the extent of nearly \$200,000. This greatly diminishes the reliability and confidence of their "survey" results.

There is little evidence that this council's appalling governance history is fully behind it. Its predatory attitude to its neighbouring councils alarms those used to a more respectful relationship with their local council.