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Submission: I feel enormously privileged to live in the Pittwater LGA. The sense of community is very strong. I know most of the councillors by their first name. All are approachable and quick to understand and respond to local issues. Their commitment to the wonderful environment we are custodians of is to be applauded. They have shown great leadership and advocacy since our liberation from Warringah Council in 1992 after a long campaign. Since then the council's financial management and performance has been such that it has largely overcome the backlog in public works and asset management bequeathed to us by Warringah Council. Our Council is financially strong and has great capacity to face the future.. Our council's sensitive and successful implementation of the Warriewood Valley urban consolidation project has been exemplary and indicates its capacity for working with the community in major environmental and built environment developments. This bodes well for the upcoming large-scale Ingleside Land Release. Having seceded from Warringah such a short time ago, I am horrified at the prospect of our community being re-absorbed into an even larger Northern Beaches entity as proposed. Local councils must be local and reflect the democratic views of their communities. These are high-order values and must not be lightly overridden.