



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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The Chairman  
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21st July 2015

Dear Sir,

## **Newport Residents Association Supportive Submission on Pittwater Council's Fit for the Future (FFF) Improvement Proposal**

The Newport Residents Association Inc.(NRA) representing app. 4,500 households in the Pittwater Council LGA, make the following submission in support of Pittwater Council's FFF Improvement Proposal.

Pittwater Council is the newest council in NSW, formed 23 years ago, seceding from Warringah Council. The reason for the secession was that Pittwater community was not being represented either in financial or service terms by the then large Warringah Council. A referendum was ordered. This culminated in 1991 when a non-compulsory postal poll of the residents resulted in a 73.5% vote in favour of secession. Since then Pittwater Council has become an efficient, effective and reactive "role model" Council in the eyes of the residents. The Pittwater community do not want to undo the great successes of the last 23 years.

Pittwater Council's Improvement Proposal is supported by 89% of the residents of Pittwater. This is probably the largest show of community support for any proposal in the whole IPART Fit for the Future process. This shows the high level of engagement and support the community has in its strong, progressive, modern council – one that provides services that our community ask it to provide.

The NRA strongly believes that Pittwater Council is 'Fit for the Future' and that there should be no forced amalgamations. 65% of our local community do not support forced amalgamations.

It further believes Pittwater Council's Long Term Financial Plan, the Community Strategic Plan together with the 5 year Delivery Plan and Budget, provide adequate proof of the improvements being planned by Council over the next 10 years.

The NRA supports Pittwater Council's involvement in SHOROC, our regional shared joint services hub, and its vision of increasing collaboration for planning, lobbying and supporting efficiencies throughout the region.

The NRA is a member of Pittwater Forever - a federation of eighteen of the major resident organisations covering the breadth of the Pittwater LGA and formed for the express purpose of combating the **amalgamation** aspects of the State Governments 'Fit for the Future' proposals.

Pittwater Forever has developed a 4 page supportive submission that is contained within Pittwater Council's Improvement proposal at Attachment 6.

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Yours faithfully,

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President NRA

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