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**Submission:**

The Pymont Community group was formed in 1992 and won the Australia Day Award for Outstanding Community service "A park for Pymont" in 1993. We have always had a close working arrangement with SCC and have been very impressed with the governance of our City particularly in the last 10 years. Much has been achieved. The preservation and improvement of our open space and streetscapes. The sustainable city endeavours, the cycle ways, and improved retail opportunities through the organisation of the "Villages" festivals and special events. In all an excellent record for the city and one that would not, in our opinion, be improved by an amalgamation with other councils. We noted the time and cost of the amalgamation with South Sydney and the lack of obvious benefit to ratepayers from this increased number of people to be serviced by the SCC team. It may well have saved a few dollars by reducing some staff but overall the whole enterprise was expensive and disruptive. We support our city remaining as it is and encourage you to respect the opinion of the ratepayers as they are, in the main, extremely happy with the governance of the SCC as it is and would like it to remain unchanged.