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Submission: I was elected to Pittwater Council in 1992 and served for 16 years as a Councillor and Mayor. I have been involved in the FftF process and can see no benefit for Pittwater to re- amalgamate with Warringah as proposed by the Independent panel and by Warringah Council.

The two Councils are as different as chalk and cheese. They have quite different demographics which lead to them having very little "community of interest". This has been the same for many years and the difference is embedded in the culture of both Councils.

Warringah has Councillors belonging to political parties, Pittwater Councillors are proud to say they are Independent.

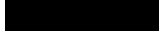
Pittwater Councillors therefore represent their community first, rather than their political party.

Pittwater Council has involved the community in its deliberations regarding its future and long term sustainability and I agree with the conclusions it has come to.

It is small, the community has direct input into policies, it co-operates with the State, it stands up for the good judgement of it's community, and we can make sure it is sustainable, to keep it that way.

What more could you ask of local government?

Regards



That is how we like it.