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Submission: I wish to strongly object to the proposed merger between Canada Bay Council and Auburn Municipal Council.

It is my opinion that the merger is not beneficial to current residents under the Canada Bay council banner. The exponential increase in the number of residents in the merged council will result in reduced CB council representation and thereby controlled by an over representation of councillors from the auburn municipality. I also believe the merger would result in loss of parklands in the CB area, increased population and more importantly, a decline in local services and increased development of high rise buildings. On top of this, Auburn is not even in the Inner West and thereby has nothing in common with The Canada Bay community. In addition Auburn I understand is in severe debt which will transfer to the "New" council and thereby result in an increase in rates.

**THIS PROPOSED MERGER SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED.**

Thank you.  
William Maguire.