# Six good reasons to bring back Pittwater Council

#### Local focus on local issues

Pittwater's requirements are not met in the Mega Northern Beaches Council.

### Rate savings not rate hikes

NBC rates have increased repeatedly despite the promise that amalgamating into a larger council would reduce rates. Rates hiked 25.2% despite local opposition.

#### Greater democratic representation

Pittwater's residents democratic representation has fallen from one councillor to 7000 residents to one for 21,000 after the amalgamation.

#### Better financial stewardship

The NBC's budget has been approved with 3 years of deficit in a row, despite collecting more rates. Our former Pittwater council was financially sound and recognised for its outstanding levels of excellence, innovation and service delivery.

## Appropriate development for Pittwater

NBC is pushing a one-size -fits-all scheme which contradicts Pittwater's aesthetic coastal village character. Pittwater's natural environment nestles homes under canopy trees and beautiful beaches attracting visitors from Sydney and overseas.

#### Better protections for our natural environment and cultural heritage

Our area is very different geographically to other northern suburbs such as Dee Why, Manly, Frenchs Forest etc. Our former Pittwater council was made up of people from Pittwater who were all well aware of the area uniqueness and its specific issues.

