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The Hon. Rob Stokes, MP  
Minister for Education,  
1725 Pittwater Road  
MONA VALE NSW 2103

Dear Rob,

## **Re Local Government Amendment (Amalgamation Referendums) Bill 2017**

We understand this bill is to be debated in early August 2017. This bill, if passed, would give the residents of Pittwater the chance to vote in a plebiscite for the reinstatement of the Pittwater LGA.

We believe this would be a good opportunity and a test as to whether the residents of the former Pittwater wish to remain with the new Northern Beaches Council or have their former Pittwater LGA reinstated. This plebiscite would allow the process to be democratic.

Rob, as our State Government representative we urge you to support the passing of this bill. We also believe your support would help overcome a lot of negative belief in yourself that stemmed from the forced amalgamation.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Butler  
Secretary