

Save Our Councils Coalition (SOCC) Briefing Notes re Candidates 5 May 2016

Save our Council Coalition (SOCC) is a non-politically aligned coalition of community groups, individual residents, Councillors, Councils and Council staff that continues to support and advocate for all NSW local communities and their elected councils. We remain steadfast in calling on the NSW Government to keep its promise of “No Forced Amalgamations” and are taking this upcoming Federal Election campaign as an opportunity to empower communities to continue advocating for local democracy.

SOCC has produced two documents that may assist you in your on-going local campaign against forced council amalgamations.

Candidate Commitment on Local Democracy

- Place a copy on your websites and/or facebook – it is a PDF and cannot be altered.
- Make an appointment to see your local member/s.
- Ask your local member to sign the Commitment and, if he/she obliges take a photograph of the event.
- Post the photograph on Facebook – both yours and SOCCs.
- Inform your local media outlets and take every opportunity to publicise the event.
- Encourage other locals to do the same.

Draft Letter to NSW Federal MPs, Senators and Candidates

- Place a copy on your website and/or facebook – it can be altered.
- Use the link below for the correct salutation for a Minister, MP or Senator.
- Send letters and encourage other locals to do the same.

http://www.aph.gov.au/senators_and_members/guidelines_for_contacting_senators_and_members/how_to_address_senators_and_members

Keep up the effort and thank you for your support

SOCC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/saveourcouncils>