



Phil Jenkyn OAM Address to SWAG Public Meeting 5 May 2016

1. ‘Save Our Councils Coalition’ (SOCC) is a coalition of community groups, residents, councillors and councils from across NSW. It was launched on 11 June 2015.

SOCC is non-party political.

It has and is receiving strong support from members of all political parties.

Every political party has publicly supported the aims of SOCC, except for one - the Liberal/National Party Coalition.

SOCC’s aims are:

- To keep our local councils truly local.
- To ensure that the NSW State Government keeps its promise of “No forced amalgamations”.
- That where a merger is proposed, a valid referendum be held of all electors in each affected local government area.

SOCC believes strongly in local democracy.

2. ‘Candidate Commitment on Local Democracy’ - Official Release.

See document – read.

Directed to all NSW Candidates in the Federal Election.

A personal commitment and that of their Political Party

- To support and respect local democracy.
- To oppose forced amalgamations.

- To ensure a proper referendum if there is a merger proposal.

Local communities will have the running on this – approaching MPs and candidates.

3. We will win this campaign.

Communities across NSW are angry at the lies, incompetence and lack of transparency of the NSW Government and of the Liberal/National Party over these forced amalgamation proposals.

The Liberal/National Party is falling apart at the seams over this issue.

This is not over yet.

We will win this campaign!

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CANDIDATE COMMITMENT ON LOCAL DEMOCRACY

Name:

Political Party:

Electorate:

My Public Commitment and that of my Political Party is:

- **To support and respect local democracy and the rights of local communities to elect and participate in their local councils.**
- **To oppose any forced amalgamations of councils.**
- **To ensure that where an amalgamation is proposed, there be a properly conducted referendum of all electors in each affected council area, and an amalgamation proposal only proceed where there is majority support in all council areas.**

Signed:

Dated:

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Involved with local communities and community groups for over 35 years.

Presently Co-convenor Save Hunters Hill Municipality Coalition and a member of the Save Our Councils Coalition (SOCC) committee.

An independent alderman on Hunters Hill Council in the 1980s.

Inaugural Chair of Defenders of Sydney Harbour Foreshores 1997 to 2001.

Barrister for many years before retiring 2001.

Received an OAM in 2005 for service to the protection and preservation of the environment.

Awarded the National Trust Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010.