

## SOCC REPORT 27 SEPT 2016

### COUNCILS TO APPEAL COURT DECISIONS

On 20 September the Land and Environment Court found in favour of Mosman, North Sydney and Strathfield Councils in their legal challenges to the Baird Government's forced amalgamation process. The Government's appointed delegates were found to have committed a number of legal errors.

Challenges by Hunters Hill, Lane Cove, Ku-ring-gai and Shellharbour Councils were not successful at this stage.



*Hunters Hill Council listening to the community before deciding to appeal court decision*

All the above Councils except Lane Cove have resolved to commence proceedings in the Court of Appeal after receiving legal advice that there are good or reasonable grounds to appeal. This includes Councils who won on some grounds but not others. Proceedings have already been filed, with Lane Cove yet to make a decision.

Woollahra's appeal has not been decided, and Oberon, Cabonne and Gundagai Councils are still waiting a decision of the Land and Environment Court.

SOCC believes that the arrogant and undemocratic attack by the Baird Government on local communities and their elected councils is doomed to fail.

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