

Save Our Councils Coalition
June 2016



Dear

As a candidate for _____ in the upcoming federal election you will be aware that forced council amalgamations are a key political issue across NSW. It is clear that the policy position of political parties on this issue will influence which party many voters decide to vote for.

Save Our Councils Coalition would therefore like to know the policy position of your party (or yourself, if you are running as a genuine independent). We ask that you answer the following questions:

- 1) Which Political Party are you a member of?
- 2) Does your political party commit to respecting local communities and each community's right to have and participate in their local council? Yes / No
- 3) Does your political party oppose forced council amalgamations? Yes / No
- 4) Does your political party commit to a policy of ensuring that where an amalgamation is proposed, the community of each local council area, via a valid referendum, must each have voted by majority in favour of the amalgamation prior to that amalgamation proceeding. Yes / No
- 5) Further comments (optional):

Save Our Councils Coalition will need these answers by Friday 17 June COB. If not received by then the responses will be recorded in the negative. Save Our Councils Coalition will then seek to inform as many voters as possible regarding your party's position on this matter. Results will be posted online and handed out at a number of polling booths.

Yours sincerely,

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