

Save Our Councils Coalition (SOCC) 24 March 2017



Dear State By-election candidate,

Candidate Name

As a candidate in the upcoming state by election for the seat of North Shore / Manly / Gosford you will be aware that forced council amalgamations continue to be a key political issue in this seat and across NSW.

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, or are you a genuine independent?

Party / Genuine Independent

2) Is your political party, or yourself if you are a genuine independent, against forced council amalgamations?

Yes / No

3) Does your political party, or yourself if you are a genuine independent,

a) commit to ensuring that where an amalgamation is proposed, the community of each local council area via a valid plebiscite must have each voted by majority in favour of the amalgamation, prior to that amalgamation proceeding?

Yes / No

b) commit to enabling the de-amalgamation of forcibly amalgamated councils through legislation involving a plebiscite in each former council area?

Yes / No

Save Our Councils Coalition will need these answers by COB Wednesday 29 March 2017. If not received the responses will be recorded as "No" for questions 2, 3(a) and 3(b) above. Save Our Councils Coalition will then seek to inform as many voters as possible regarding responses. Results will be posted online and available at polling places.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Halstead and Karen Pensabene
For Save Our Councils Coalition (SOCC)