

SOCC Report on Rally for Local Democracy 18 Nov 2015

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A section of the large crowd holding colourful signs and banners at the Rally for Local Democracy in Sydney.

The Rally for Local Democracy took place on Wednesday 18 November in Martin Place, Sydney - across the road from Parliament House. It was a huge success attended by well over a thousand people, with a good representation from 'The Bush'.

The message was loud and clear to the NSW Government. No forced amalgamations. Keep councils local. Listen to the people.

It was covered on TV by Channels 9 and 7, and by [Prime7](#) in the country. There were numerous news articles, including [ABC News](#), [GovernmentNews](#), [SMH](#), [Daily Telegraph](#), [TWTp1](#) and [TWTp5](#).

The Rally was also filmed by John Illingsworth, with assistance on sound from Tony Murtagh. John has produced 6 magnificent short films of the day, which have been placed on YouTube as follows:





Rally for Local Democracy 18 Nov. 2015 – The City
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0dy1w9KDCW8>

Rally for Local Democracy 18 Nov. 2015 – The Country
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqmGpry3MS0>

Rally for Local Democracy 18 Nov. 2015 – Alan Jones AO
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=soxRTTFPgDM>

Rally for Local Democracy 18 Nov. 2015 – The Politicians
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNp2aYPz4sA>

Rally for Local Democracy 18 Nov. 2015 – Local Government
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWULj4wSxg0>

Rally for Local Democracy 18 Nov. 2015 – The Unions
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YyK_ogTli3s

The videos can also be found at <https://www.youtube.com/user/pittwaterpathways>

Photographs were taken by Michael Mannington from Volunteer Photography and can be viewed [here](#).

Our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/saveourcouncils> contains further photos and information.

Please feel free to distribute the above links or this file/email as widely as possible to assist with the campaign against forced amalgamations.

Thank you to all who were involved in organising or supported the Rally, and to all those who are supporting this campaign.

As Nella Gaughan from SOCC called it to the Rally - “We’ll keep fighting until we win!”

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