

## **SAVE HUNTERS HILL MUNICIPALITY COALITION (SHHMC) UPDATE 17 DEC 2016**

### **1. MEETING WITH BAIRD**

Clr Meredith Sheil has written a brilliant appraisal dated 14 December of the meeting between Mayor Richard Quinn and herself, and Premier Baird. It can be found on facebook [here](#) and as a pdf [here](#).

This is a must read. The article graphically exposes the many inadequacies of the Premier - his lack of understanding of Hunters Hill and its community, and of its history and council. But it is much more than this. He thinks that councils are just like businesses. Wrong. He thinks that our heritage can be protected in a mega council, but can't explain how with minimum representation. He thinks that bigger is automatically better, but can't explain how small councils are sustainable and big ones aren't.

He has in fact what we all suspected – no real understanding of how communities and local councils actually work. A very sobering expose indeed.

### **2. SHHMC MEETING WITH ZIMMERMAN**

We met with our Federal local member Trent Zimmerman MP on 12 December. It was a constructive meeting and he expressed his view that Hunters Hill should remain as an independent council.

In an interview with The Weekly Times reported 14 December he states “the Orange by-election result should be a wake-up call for Premier Baird and his cabinet to call off the forced amalgamations of local councils. Hunters Hill Council has represented its community for over 150 years and should stay” – see [here](#).

### **3. LETTERS TO ANTHONY ROBERTS**

SHHMC has recently written two letters to our local State member Anthony Roberts MP – [2 Dec](#) and [16 Dec](#). Anthony is not responding to our emails or letters.

It is apparent from Meredith's meeting with Baird, that the Premier knows very little about Hunters Hill and its community. It is clear that Anthony Roberts has never made representation on our behalf to the Premier and Cabinet, never informed them about this Municipality, its history and significance. He is refusing to speak up for Hunters Hill in the public arena. He is not representing this community in any way – publicly or within his Party. He is a disgrace and should resign.

It is interesting to compare his performance with Trent Zimmerman who is speaking out and calling it as it is.

#### **4. BAIRD GOVERNMENT FALLING APART**

The Baird Government is falling apart over forced amalgamations. It is deeply unpopular, it has lost a Deputy Premier, the leader of the National Party and his deputy over this issue. Baird is losing this battle and will probably be next to go.

The last SHHMC Report 'A Call for Action' 11 Dec 16 can be found [here](#).

Don't forget to contact the local State member Mr Roberts, by email or letter or directly – and let him know exactly how you feel.

Again many thanks for your ongoing support and have an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards,

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