

# Baird Must Withdraw Forced Mergers

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Since December, Baird's net satisfaction rating has fallen from positive 39 points to negative seven points, the biggest fall in net satisfaction rating of any mainland state premier in the history of Newspoll.

His satisfaction rating has fallen from 61 per cent in December to 39 per cent, with his disapproval rating more than doubling from 22 to 46 per cent.

The Premier's popularity is now in free-fall as detailed in [The Australian](#), [SMH](#), [Ten TV News](#) 29 Sept and [TWT](#) 5 Oct 2016.



destruction of heritage trees and homes, moving the Powerhouse Museum, Barangaroo – the list goes on.

What is at the heart of all this is a failure to listen to communities, an unbelievable arrogance and an attitude to the public that is both dismissive and undemocratic.

The ABC 7.30 program on 6 October named the issues of forced council amalgamations, lockout laws, and the recent greyhound racing ban as raising questions about the Premier's political future.



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The four short video clips from that program as above highlight the dictatorial approach of the Premier and how divisive that is within the Liberal/National Party. The media have become highly critical and the community has turned against Baird and his Government.

The Premier must now withdraw his hated and despised forced council mergers and cooperate with local communities and councils in genuine and constructive reform. Otherwise he must resign.

**Baird net approval %**



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