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FORCED COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS DRIVES MASSIVE SWING AGAINST BAIRD/GRANT GOVERNMENT IN ORANGE BY-ELECTION

There has been a huge swing of over 35 percent on primary votes against the National Party in the NSW Orange by election.

It was before Saturday November 12, 2016 one of the safest seats in NSW.

Save our Councils Coalition (SOCC) President Carolyn Corrigan says “the Baird /Grant forced council amalgamations policy has been overwhelmingly rejected by local communities across NSW, including the threatened amalgamation areas of Cabonne and Orange, in Central West NSW.”

“It is most likely that the National’s seat of Orange will fall to the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party,” Ms Corrigan said.

“There is no doubt that Troy Grant’s position is untenable,” SOCC spokesman Phil Jenkyn said.

“Premier Baird must now withdraw his deeply flawed forced amalgamations agenda. If he does not all NSW Liberal and National Party seats are in immediate danger,” Jenkyn added.

“The people of Cabonne and Orange told Premier Baird and Troy Grant that Council mergers were threatening communities and local democracy and they didn’t listen,” said Ms Corrigan.

“Now they have paid the price.”

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