

## BULLY BOY BAIRD – JEFF MORRIS SPEECH 5 FEB 2017



*Clr Jeff Morris, former Deputy Mayor North Sydney Council and a SOCC supporter addressing the SOCC Rally 5 February 2017 – Video 1:01*

Mike Baird announced on 19 January 2017 that he was resigning as Premier of NSW.

Just over a year before on 18 December 2015 he announced the proposed forced merger of 80 local councils across NSW. He was at that time the most popular politician in the country, with a satisfaction rating of 61%.

There was an immediate and overwhelming negative response to Baird's action both in the city and bush. Local communities joined with Save Our Councils Coalition (SOCC) and others with rallies, demonstrations and direct action. A number of councils in the city and the bush commenced legal action against what became a deeply flawed process pursued by a Premier and Government hell-bent on destroying local democracy.

By December 2016 Baird was deeply unpopular, with a satisfaction rating that had fallen to 35%. His widespread attack on local democracy and his arrogant failure to listen to communities was compounded by additional factors – the continuing sale of assets, overdevelopment, lock-out laws and a ban on greyhound racing.

Save Our Councils (SOCC) held a Rally shortly after Baird's resignation. Clr Jeff Morris, a past Deputy Mayor of North Sydney Council was one of the speakers. He delivered a brief speech now referred to as the 'Bully Boy Baird' speech – which succinctly sums up the disappearing Premier and his sycophantic MPs.

“What has happened with the bully boy Mike Baird is what happens to most bullies – he got hurt and he has run away and cried.”

“When Mike Baird embarked on his vicious and unscrupulous attack on local government and local communities, where were these local Liberal and National MPs – they were sitting there nodding their heads – yes Mike, no Mike, three bags full Mike – could I have a Ministry Mike.”

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