

Cloverslide a lesson for all parties

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I'm not overexcited with Clover Moore being re-elected as Sydney mayor, but I am delighted with the failure of the Liberal candidate and the message it sends to our Premier, Mike Baird ("Clover Moore wins record fourth term as Sydney Lord Mayor", September 11).

With the damage and destruction Baird has done in NSW it's probably too late to redeem himself before the next state election.

But maybe other political leaders will see that the electorate has found its voice, and if you don't listen you will be thrown out, irrespective of which party you represent or who you are.

Victor Marshall Erskineville

While Barnaby Joyce can claim it was the greyhound racing ban which caused the Cloverslide in Sydney, I must agree with Mike Baird's opponents. It is a scandal that the Liberals and Shooters can get away with changing the law to have different rules for Sydney council elections compared with the rest of the state.

The forced amalgamations of councils is another example of a high-handed government that is out of touch.

George Cloughley Cronulla

Well, that blew up in the face of the state government! They thought they could change the voting system and take control of the City of Sydney without real consultation. But the community saw through it and is happy to see Clover Moore continue, without any party alliance.

Brian Reynolds Redfern

With Clover Moore's emphatic re-election, I am now waiting for the next step in the Liberals' "Get Clover" campaign.

Charles Lancaster Chippendale

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