



LEC JUDGEMENT FINDS FLAWED MERGER PROCESSES – SOCC CONTINUES THE FIGHT TO KEEP THE LOCAL IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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The Land and Environment Court today found that the NSW Government's merger proposals were flawed in relation to Mosman, Strathfield and North Sydney Councils.

"The Government's forced amalgamation process has been a shambles" Save Our Councils Coalition (SOCC) President Carolyn Corrigan said. "The Government refused to fully disclose its KPMG report, refused to conduct a poll of residents, and refused to conduct a proper public inquiry,' she said.

In relation to the Hunters Hill community, Save Hunters Hill Co-convenor Phil Jenkyn said "We will continue the fight and we intend to win. Council's lawyers are considering the judgement and there is likely to be an appeal."

Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove and Shellharbour Councils are also considering appeals.

"The recent local government elections show that the Baird Government is on the nose with the electorate. It would be well advised to withdraw its arrogant forced amalgamation proposals, and adopt a cooperative approach with local government", Ms Corrigan said.

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