

DAMNING REPORT INTO NSW COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS

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EVIDENCE BASED POLICY ANALYSIS 20 CASE STUDIES

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Independent research has been carried out into what constitutes good policy making in Australia, by two think tanks - the Institute of Public Affairs and Per Capita Australia.

They benchmarked 20 federal and state government policies against ten steps that good decision making should follow according to Professor Kenneth Wiltshire AO, Professor of Public Administration at the University of Queensland Business School.

The research reveals that the worst decision making of the 20 high profile policies investigated was NSW local council amalgamations, with a score of 2/10.



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It found that “the NSW Government did not make a public interest argument for the policy prior to announcing the forced council mergers, did not consider alternative approaches and

implementation choices, did not publicly reveal a detailed cost-benefit analysis, failed to meet proper administrative processes, did not consult adequately and did not seek to pass appropriate legislation.”

Professor Percy Allan AM said, “Governments lose support because of half-baked policies foisted onto an unwitting public which provokes a backlash.”

This is exactly what happened with the Baird/Berejiklian disastrous forced amalgamations policy, as is clearly demonstrated in this expert research.

There is simply no excuse open to this Government – it must allow those communities forced to merge to [#DemergeNow](#) if that is their wish.

Media Release from Per Capita 5 Oct 2018: <https://percapita.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/EBP-Media-Statement-Final-5.10.2018.pdf>

Full Report: <https://percapita.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/EBP-Project-FINAL1.pdf>

Summary of Report re council amalgamations:

<https://savehuntershill.files.wordpress.com/2016/01/socc-per-capita-policy-analysis-of-nsw-council-amalgamations-sept-2018.pdf>

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