

## Forced Council Amalgamations in NSW – Bad Policy and Process

The NSW Government's forced council amalgamations agenda was bad policy pursued by a flawed process.

It has failed to deliver claimed financial benefits. It has resulted in a loss of identity and a loss of effective representation for communities forcibly merged.

The Government must take responsibility for what it has done, and allow communities wrongly merged a referendum to demerge if that is their wish.



Do mergers make for better councils? The evidence is against 'bigger is better' for local government

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### **Evidence Based Policy Analysis - 20 Case Studies**

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Local council amalgamations with a score of 2/10 p28-29

### **Expert Reports into NSW Forced Council Amalgamations 2010-18**

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