

LOCAL COMMUNITIES ARE THE PROTECTORS OF LOCAL DEMOCRACY



Over the last six years the NSW Baird/Berejiklian Government and the Liberal/National Party have shamefully attacked local communities and local democracy in two ways.

First, they have attempted to destroy our local councils by forcibly amalgamating them into mega 'regional councils', thereby seriously diminishing local identity, a sense of belonging and appropriate levels of representation.

Secondly, they have taken away from local communities and their elected councils any real say over strategic planning and local decision-making for their area – and basically handed it over to government appointees and developers.

The Government sought no mandate for these actions and has continually refused to listen to the many legitimate complaints from local communities.

It is up to all of us to protect our local democracy and ensure that local councils remain truly local, that there are no forced amalgamations, and local communities forced to merge against their will are given the right to demerge by way of a referendum.

Many communities forced to merge are demanding to [#DemergeNow](#) !

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