

Massive Defeat for NSW Liberals in Wagga by-election

Wagga was once a very safe Liberal seat. However, in the Wagga by-election held on 8 Sept 2018 approximately 75% of electors did not cast their primary vote for the Liberal Party.



Save Our Councils Coalition (SOCC) spokesman Phil Jenkyn OAM in Wagga with SOCC 'Put Libs Last' sign above signs for Gladys and her hand-picked candidate.

The Liberals have suffered the third highest swing in any NSW by-election since 1965 of over 28% and have lost the seat to either Independent Dr Joe McGirr or Country Labor's Dan Hayes.

For a number of years, the Liberal/National Party and their MPs have not been listening to local communities - they do not respect their views, they are arrogant and out-of-touch. This was clearly shown by their state-wide policy of forced council amalgamations and their refusal to allow referendums to ascertain community views on this issue.

The anger and hurt over this flawed policy remain and was evidenced in this by-election by the presence of the Save Tumbarumba community, which like many others want to #DemergeNow



Save Our Councils Coalition (SOCC) was also in Wagga for the by-election with their 'Put Libs Last' signs and 'Number Every Box' signs, as preferences were always going to be critical in this election.

A Government that does not and will not listen to the people does not deserve to govern.

Save Our Councils Coalition

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