



## BAIRD MUST NOW WITHDRAW FORCED COUNCIL MERGERS

Mike Baird is being forced to do something he never wanted to do - a spectacularly embarrassing and significant policy backflip on greyhound racing.

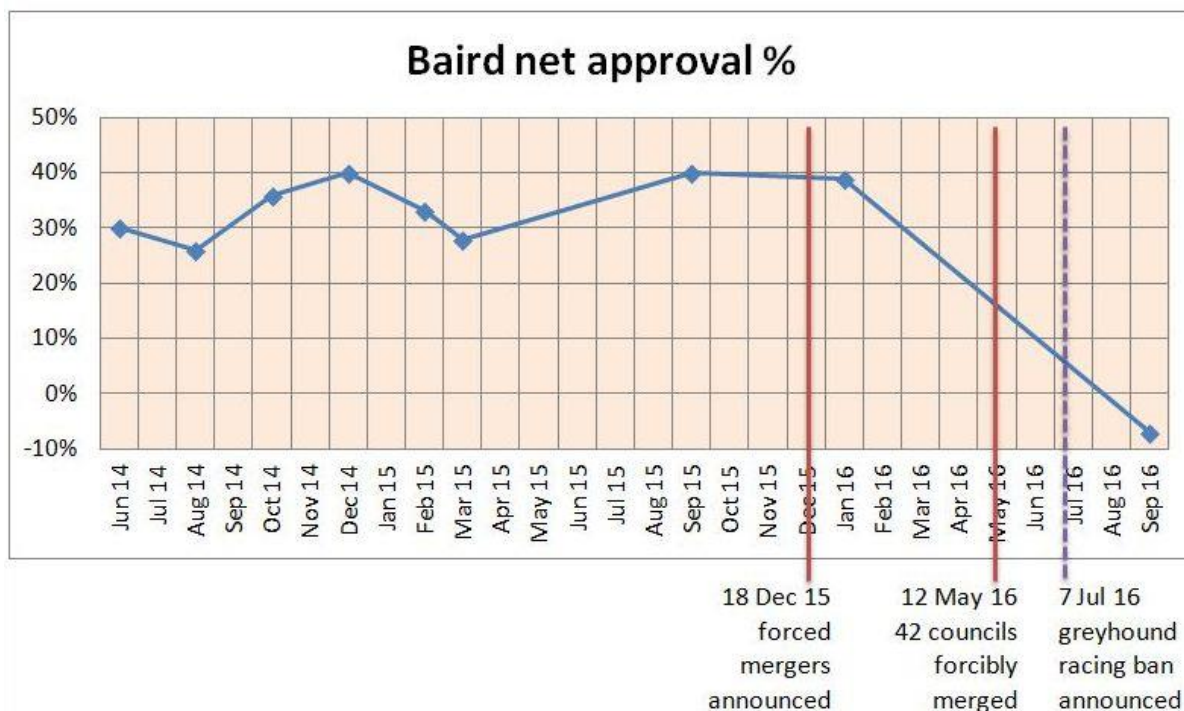
But it isn't just the greyhound industry ban that is responsible for Mike Baird's dramatic fall in his leadership authority and popularity.

"Baird's announcement in December 2015 to force undemocratic council amalgamations, against the strong wishes of communities, has been the major factor in his and his Government's plunge in popularity and support", says Save Our Council Coalition spokesperson Phil Jenkyn.

'What is abundantly clear is that at the heart of all this fiasco is Baird's failure to listen to communities", says Mr Jenkyn.

"Baird's arrogant and autocratic style of leadership on a range of issues that directly attack at the heart of communities has caused incredible angst and generated intense anger across the entire State", says Save Our Councils Coalition President, Carolyn Corrigan.

"Mike Baird must now immediately withdraw his unpopular, undemocratic forced council amalgamation policy and listen to the people", says Ms Corrigan.



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