

Merger ruling a win for democracy

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What a great victory for democracy ("Councils jubilant as merger blocked", March 28).

Let's hope our new Premier is not as arrogant as the last one and listens to the will of the people. Big is not usually beautiful; something this government seems to ignore.

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Good to see Liberal areas of Sydney fighting amalgamation.

Regarding Gabrielle Upton's spokesman's comment reported about mergers having clear benefits for local communities, no they won't. There is an inverse relationship between the number of people per council area and the engagement and happiness of those individuals.

Mergers are fine if you want a frustrated, emasculated public, not so good for healthy communities.

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