

ROBERTS, YOU GOT IT WRONG – RESTORE LOCAL DEMOCRACY NOW OR RESIGN!

Premier Gladys Berejiklian has admitted that she and the Cabinet got it wrong and didn't listen to the community over forced council mergers: "Perhaps we should have listened earlier on in the process," she now says. "Every single person who sat around the cabinet table needs to bear responsibility, including myself" – Premier's media conference [9NEWS](#) 27 July 2017.



Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Hunters Hill local member and Minister for Planning Anthony Roberts.

Well Minister Roberts, you were a member of the Cabinet, you were one who got it so wrong. You didn't and wouldn't listen to your community. You are our local member for Hunters Hill – you are supposed to represent us.

The Hunters Hill community held a large public meeting on 23 February 2016 to which you were invited, and that meeting made it very clear for all to see and hear that you were not listening to our legitimate concerns. You may of course now wish to listen to the speeches of [Phil Jenkyn](#) and other members of the [community](#) delivered that evening.

Your Government's unsuccessful attempt to destroy Hunters Hill council was a direct attack on our local democracy. We have as a community, through our elected aldermen and councillors, been making decisions relating to planning and local developments for over 156 years. We have a proud record of doing so – over two thirds of the Municipality is a 'conservation area' and it is known as 'Australia's oldest garden suburb'.

Your 'Local Planning Panels' legislation, recently rushed through Parliament in the dead of night, has totally taken away the right of our elected representatives – our councillors – to have a say and a role in relation to local developments.

This is another direct attack upon our local democracy by an out of touch and arrogant State Government. You are still not listening! Will you never learn.

The Local Government association (LGNSW) has called upon you to revoke this Legislation.

DO IT NOW ANTHONY OR RESIGN AS OUR MEMBER!

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