

Stop forced Council mergers – CDP

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Nella Hall lead NSW CDP Candidate for the Senate

Rev Fred Nile’s Christian Democratic Party (CDP) has called for a halt to moves by NSW Premier Mike Baird to force the amalgamation of councils across NSW, following the success of Strathfield’s action in the Land & Environment Court.

Co-founder of the Save Our Strathfield group and lead Senate Candidate for the CDP Mrs Nella Hall says “If elected, I will initiate a Senate inquiry into the process Mike Baird has employed to force amalgamations, while also investigating the expected economic and job losses caused by them.

“Residents are concerned that small towns where councils are wiped out, they will see banks and local businesses close and the local economies decimated. The Premier has not taken into account the many problems caused by mergers in other states of Australia.

“I expect many of the councils will be de-merged over time, as has happened in other states, when the supposed positives outcomes, like cost savings and efficiencies, are not realised”, she added.

Mrs Hall said that, if elected, she would seek to recognise the role of local councils/ government in the Federal Constitution.

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