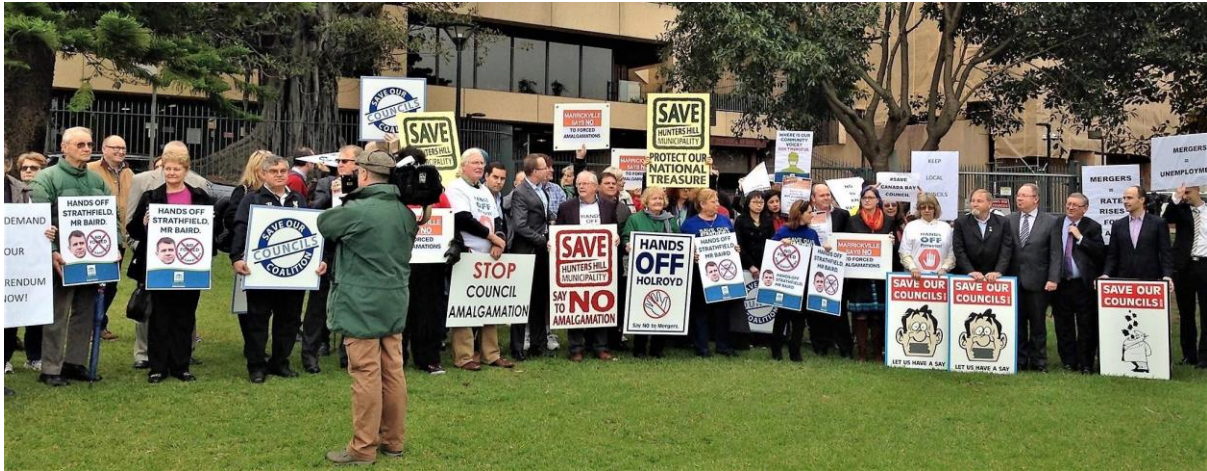


THE BATTLE FOR LOCAL DEMOCRACY CONTINUES

The Save Our Councils Coalition (SOCC) launch took place in the Domain next to the NSW Parliament on 11 June 2015.



Videos - <https://savehuntershill.files.wordpress.com/2016/01/socc-launch-and-ongoing-battle-10-april-2019.pdf>

SOCC's aims include keeping local councils truly local, and strongly opposing forced council amalgamations.

Over considerable community and political opposition, the NSW Liberal/National Party Government on 12 May 2016 forcibly amalgamated 42 local councils across NSW, creating new mega councils in their place.

A number of other councils fought the Government over process and were eventually successful in court.

However, local communities forced to merge in May 2016 are suffering a significant loss of identity and representation, and their merged councils are failing financially.

The attempt to force council mergers was [bad policy and process](#). These communities are demanding to [#DemergeNow](#) !

The NSW Government must listen, and right the wrong by allowing communities to demerge by way of a binding referendum, if that is their wish.

Save Our Councils Coalition (SOCC)

1 May 2019