

## WE WILL WIN THIS BATTLE! – PHIL JENKYN SPEECH 23 FEB 2016



*Phil Jenkyn addressing Hunters Hill Community Rally 23 Feb 2016*

“A couple of clear messages for the Government:

We are not going away – we will win this battle!”

On 18 December 2015 the then Premier Mike Baird announced the proposed forced merger of 80 local councils across NSW, including the amalgamation of the historic Municipality of Hunters Hill with the City of Ryde and Lane Cove Council.

The Government set up a sham process to push through the amalgamations without allowing a poll of residents.

The local community group ‘Save Hunters Hill Municipality Coalition’ called a Community Rally at the Town Hall for 23 February 2016. There was a large and angry crowd with a number of speakers, including Mayor Richard Quinn and Phil Jenkyn OAM a co-convenor of the group.

The Rally was filmed and placed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WgPxiB8hDvw> (21:30)

The speech by Phil Jenkyn can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PR1zL6C5L04> (5:12) and is named ‘We will win this battle!’

On 27 July 2017 after a huge community battle against the Government Premier Gladys Berejiklian announced that the proposed forced amalgamation of Hunters Hill and other councils was no longer proceeding. On 31 July Hunters Hill Council also won its Court of Appeal case against the Government, with the court finding that the process was indeed invalid.

The Hunters Hill community did not go away – it had won the battle!