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I want Marrickville council to stay local.

I demand that NSW State Government to keep its promise of “No forced amalgamations”

Local communities are the ONLY appropriate group in a position to decide on who/how their interests are to be protected and represented to the NSW government. Forcing communities to adopt government politically driven reform should not be tolerated. This is yet another assault on the democratic rights of Australian citizens by incompetent Government.

Any Government interference of this type must be resisted with all means available.

NSW Government plot to significantly reduce the number of councils in NSW and create ‘mega councils’ with populations in the Sydney metropolitan area of up to 600,000 people is ludicrous. Local representation, local accountability and timely and appropriate responsiveness to local needs will effectively end.

Today's councils reflect the local culture and local values of the community. Large amalgamated councils will not be able to do this.

Importantly, the loss of local councils will significantly and probably fatally reduce advocacy for local communities campaigning for better planning laws and for appropriate development