

# ARE THERE ANY SAVINGS FROM COUNCIL MERGERS?

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## LAUNCH OF COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS: A SEA OF RED INK – 7 March 2019

Save Our Councils Coalition (SOCC) today launched a report called '**A Sea of Red Ink**' showing that the Government's forced council amalgamations are a financial failure.

For Northern Beaches Council, the forced merger proposal posited a surplus of \$16.1m for 2018-2019 but its operational plan for the year shows \$8.7m - **a shortfall of \$7.4m.**

That compares to a combined surplus for Pittwater, Warringah and Manly Councils in 2014 of \$14.2 million - and for 2018-2019 that would have been \$8.8m.



The following spoke at the launch under the Tree of Knowledge behind Parliament House in Sydney.

Brian Halstead President of Save Our Councils Coalition (SOCC) <https://youtu.be/6oISiqvT2Bo>

Shaoquett Moselmane MLC Labor Party [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9\\_pc61eY\\_UM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_pc61eY_UM)

Robert Borsak MLC Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party <https://youtu.be/VmWDcS7uCT0>

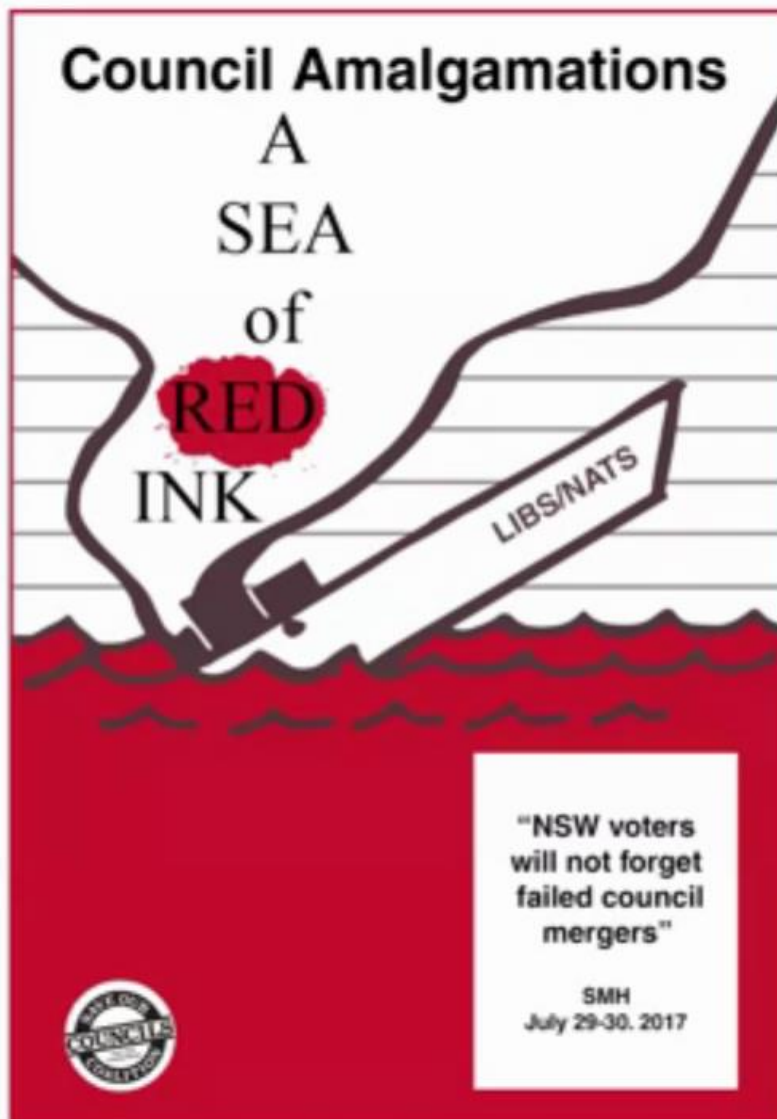
Jacque Tuck on behalf of David Shoebridge MLC The Greens <https://youtu.be/jRo6re4ghTE>

Richard Quinn former Mayor and Independent candidate for Lane Cove  
<https://youtu.be/xQFXXSksnGs>

Carolyn Corrigan Mayor and Independent candidate for North Shore  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0jEDzQGQSQ>

Robert Borsak MLC Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party – Quote

**“ This process was corrupt from the start and being corrupt from the start you cannot end up with a good solution that is not corrupt at the end”.**



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