

Save Hunters Hill Municipality Coalition

ACTIONS REQUIRED / THINGS I CAN DO

STEP 1: WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

- Contact your local precinct co-ordinator and help the campaign with time, effort and money
- Display with pride the ribbons of the Municipality and put up your own protest signs
- Write to the Minister for Local Government expressing your views of the Ryde City proposals
- Protest to Ryde City Council
- Write to local and metropolitan newspapers and contact the media
- Write to, or sign a petition to the Upper House Standing Committee No. 5, which is inquiring into the social, political and economic impact of amalgamations on local government in NSW

STEP 2: WHAT CAN I DO IF THE PROPOSALS ARE SENT TO THE BOUNDARIES COMMISSION?

- Make a written submission to the Boundaries Commission as to why the Ryde City proposals should be rejected and our Municipality retained
- Attend public meetings called to discuss the proposals
- Attend public hearings
- It is imperative that you vote NO in the non-compulsory poll

Factors that the Boundaries Commission must consider (Section 263 of the Local Government Act (1993)) include:

1. The financial advantages or disadvantages (including the economies or diseconomies of scale) of any relevant proposal to the residents and ratepayers of the areas concerned,
2. The community of interest and geographic cohesion in the existing areas and in any proposed new area,
3. The existing historical and traditional values in the existing areas and the impact of change on them,
4. The attitude of the residents and ratepayers of the areas concerned,
5. The requirements of the area concerned in relation to elected representation for residents and ratepayers at the local level, the desirable and appropriate relationship between elected representatives and ratepayers and residents and such other matters as it considers relevant in relation to the past and future patterns of elected representation for that area,
6. The impact of any relevant proposal on the ability of the councils of the areas concerned to provide adequate, equitable and appropriate services and facilities,
7. The impact of any relevant proposal on the employment of the staff by the councils of the areas concerned,
8. In the case of a proposal for the amalgamation of two or more areas, the need to ensure that the opinions of each of the diverse communities of the resulting area or areas are effectively represented,
9. Such other factors as it considers relevant to the provision of efficient and effective local government in the existing and proposed new areas.

ADDRESS DETAILS:

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The Hon. Ian Cohen MLC,
Chair,
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5
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Ms. Edith Hall AM,
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