

EXAMPLE LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Guy Zangari MP
State Member for Fairfield



Parliament of NSW
Legislative Assembly

HC-06-06-102

Clr Greg Cummings
Mayor
Holroyd City Council
DX 25408
MERRYLANDS 2160

9 February, 2015

Dear Clr Cummings,

Greg,

I am writing to you with regards to your correspondence seeking my position to the Baird Government's planned amalgamation of Holroyd City Council and your "Hands off Holroyd" campaign.

I do not support the forced Council amalgamations as proposed by Premier Baird, nor do I support his Government's rationale behind their amalgamation proposal.

Our local Councils play a vital role in ensuring their local community receives the best possible support and community services which are catered to their needs.

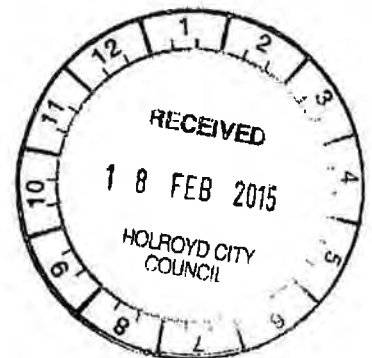
I firmly believe Holroyd City Council has an acute understanding and awareness of the needs and concerns of the residents in Holroyd and this close connection would diminish severely should a forced amalgamation occur.

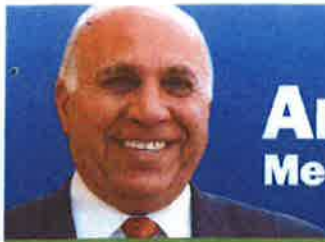
I stand behind Holroyd City Council in the Hands off Holroyd campaign and I urge the local community to pledge their support as well.

Yours sincerely,

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Guy Zangari MP
STATE MEMBER FOR FAIRFIELD
SHADOW MINISTER FOR CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNITIES
SHADOW MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION





Andrew Rohan MP

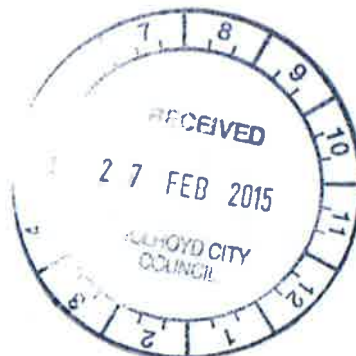
Member for Smithfield



13th February 2015

Clr Greg Cummings
Mayor of Holroyd
P.O Box 42
Merrylands NSW 2160

Dear Mayor Cummings,



RE: Letter of Support to Holroyd Council – For the Fit for Purpose Submission.

Thank you to Lisa Oldridge, Holroyd Council's Manager of Corporate Strategy & Engagement for taking the time to brief me in relation to the Independent Local Government Panel Report of 2013 and the future of Holroyd Council.

Holroyd Council has a proud history stretching back to 1872 when NSW Governor Sir Hercules Robinson granted the petition to incorporate the Municipality of Prospect and Sherwood.

Maturing over the decades the Municipality was re-named Holroyd in 1927 in honor of the very first Mayor of the Municipality Arthur Holroyd. Today, Holroyd has blossomed into a fine city, home to approximately 100,000 people.

Over the years there have been a number of reports into local government in New South Wales examining a whole range of complex issues relating to this level of government, with the most recent being the Independent Local Government Panel Report of 2013.

While the Panel's report contains a number of salient points to be considered by government, the report itself confirms that there is no silver bullet to solve local government's problems.

Holroyd Council unlike some of its neighbors is a debt free council and has been so since 2010. Any proposed merger between a debt free council and a debt laden council would effectively punish those rate payers who live in the debt free council.

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Additionally, Holroyd City's 100,000 people ranks it the 17th most populous LGA out of the 38 Council areas in the County of Cumberland (Sydney) putting it in the top half of populated councils in Sydney.

Furthermore, amalgamations on their own do not solve structural, cultural or management problems. As a former councilor I know for local government to function effectively it requires good governance and effective processes which Holroyd possesses.

Many Holroyd residents have contacted me via email, letter and over the phone to express their support for Holroyd and the distinct character and history of the district as well as it being a wonderful place to live and bring up a family.

Holroyd is now in it's 142nd year since it's foundation and I look forward to seeing it flourish for many more years.

I do not support any forced amalgamation and I support Holroyd Council's continuation as a council in it's own right.

Yours sincerely,



ANDREW ROHAN, MP
State Member for Smithfield



Tony Issa OAM MP

Member for Granville



18 June 2014

Clr Nasr Kafrouni
Mayor
Holroyd City Council
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Dear Mayor Kafrouni

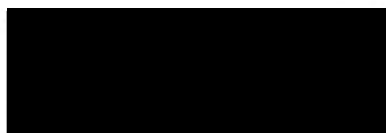
Thank you for your letter of 12 June 2014 with regard to the Independent Local Government Review Panel's Final Report – Revitalising Local Government.

I have noted your objections to the proposed amalgamation of Councils and I wish to confirm my support of your objections.

Representations have been made on your behalf to the Minister for Local Government with regard to the issues you have raised and I have advised the Minister that I support Council's objections to any proposed amalgamation which, if implemented, would have an adverse effect on the community.

As soon as a response is received, I will once again be in contact.

Yours sincerely



Tony Issa OAM MP
Member for Granville



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