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Dear Premier,

**Re: Threat to Historic Hunters Hill Municipality**

We attach a submission 'Save Hunters Hill Municipality Coalition Submission to NSW Government' dated 6 March 2013, directed to the NSW Government and to you as Premier, from the community group *Save Hunters Hill Municipality Coalition*.

This submission has also been sent to the Local Government Review Panel as a response to its discussion paper.

The submission relates to a number of matters, most importantly the Government's promise and policy of no forced amalgamation of councils, and 'NSW 2021' – the plan for the State, in particular goals 27 and 29 to 32 inclusive.

Also attached is a copy of a letter sent to you dated 10 February 2013 and two responses dated 13 February and 25 February 2013. Our letter was sent on to the Minister for Local Government.

Also attached is a letter dated 9 February 2013 to the Minister for Local Government and his response dated 13 February 2013. We are no better informed. He gives no assurance that the Government's promise and policy of no forced amalgamations remains in place.

The policy of no forced amalgamations of councils and recognising and protecting the State's most significant heritage places and values (Goal 27) are matters for the Premier and Cabinet and not for the Minister for Local Government.

Communities are very concerned as to whether your Government is about to break a pre-election promise and pledge of no forced council amalgamations.

Much concern and disquiet could be avoided by direct answers to the following direct questions:

1. Is it NSW Government Policy that there will be no forced amalgamation of councils in this and the next term of government?
2. Is it NSW Government Policy to deliver on 'NSW 2021' Goal 27 and recognise and protect the State's most significant heritage places and values?
3. Will the NSW Government recognise, preserve and protect the historic and viable Municipality of Hunters Hill (1861), a place of national heritage and community significance, and Australia's oldest 'garden suburb'?

As you can see from the submission there is enormous support for the preservation and protection of this Municipality.

We look forward very much to your response to the above questions.

We would also be happy to meet with you, perhaps including local member Anthony Roberts MP and Hunters Hill Mayor Richard Quinn, at a time and place of your convenience.

We will copy this letter to those mentioned above.

Further information can be found on our website [www.savehuntershill.org](http://www.savehuntershill.org)

Kind regards,



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Attachments:

[Submission to NSW Government](#) and Review Panel dated 6 March 2013  
[Letter to Premier](#) dated 10 February 2013  
Response from Premier dated 13 February 2013  
Response from Premier dated 25 February 2013  
[Letter to Minister](#) for Local Government dated 9 February 2013  
[Response from Minister](#) for Local Government dated 13 February 2013