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LEGAL ACTION SHOWS FORCED COUNCIL MERGERS STILL ON THE AGENDA

The NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal yesterday handed down its decision in *Primrose v NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet*, with swathes of the decision rendered “not for publication”.

The NSW Government chose to give much of its evidence in secret as it sought to continue to conceal its \$400,000 KPMG report on forced council mergers.

The Shadow Minister for Local Government, Peter Primrose MLC has been pursuing the KPMG documents which the then Baird-Grant and now Berejiklian-Barilaro Government said underpinned their policy of forced council mergers.

The NSW Liberal-Nationals Government again used public money to hide its secret report on forced council mergers from public scrutiny. This is despite Premier Berejiklian and Deputy Premier Barilaro repeatedly claiming – as they did before the last election - that “forced council mergers are no longer on our agenda”.

The decision can be found at: <https://www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au/dec.../5a307fc2e4b074a7c6e1afbf>

Quotes attributable to Shadow Minister for Local Government Peter Primrose

“If the NSW Liberal-Nationals are really no longer pursuing forced council mergers, why are they still going to these extraordinary lengths to keep their \$400,000 KPMG report a secret?”

“The only conclusion to draw is that the NSW Liberal-Nationals Government are not finished with forced council mergers, and those documents show that there is a Phase 2 of forced mergers still to come.

“I would like to thank my colleague, Adam Searle MLC, for the work he has done in trying to bring transparency and accountability to the Berejiklian-Barilaro Government.”



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[Lynette Wilesmith](#) A big thank you Peter, for trying to uncover the truth, it seem that we are no longer a free and democratic state, but a communist run state, march 2019 is coming



[Julian Sortland](#) Fascist regime! Communism is for the community, these right-wing "Liberals" pigs are for themselves, and their big business masters!

[Barry Sykes](#) This reminds me of the Askin Days yet again and another that will remain Nameless



[Steve Larsson](#) Good work Peter. A few years ago I also was rejected in my attempt to procure government documents by NCAT on the ground of "Cabinet Confidence". I certainly wonder about the impartiality of NCAT...



[Henry Johnston](#) As a resident of a municipal area devastated by amalgamation, by sincerest thanks for shining light on this sinister move by the Liberals



[Ken Cottam](#) If our money is been spent on this we have the right to know!



[Shayne Stiff](#) Great work Peter 👍👍



[Margaret Hogg](#) Is there no end to the depth of mis representation to the public from the carefully constructed "words" presented by this current Administration. Only leads to more and more distrust. Keep pushing Peter Primrose



[Norma Wilson](#) Please keep pushing, and keep us in the loop. We need to know. Oh, and I am sure the best description of this lot certainly is 'fascist'.

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