



Representing community groups against hostile takeovers of our councils across the metro area.

Including:  
Cambridge-Canning  
Claremont- Cockburn  
Cottesloe-Kalamunda  
Mosman Park  
Mundaring-Nedlands  
Peppermint Grove  
Serpentine-Jarrahdale  
South Perth-Subiaco  
Victoria Park-Vincent

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## **D-Day for Tony Simpson over his Hostile Takeover of Local Governments**

### ***RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS TO DEMAND DEMOCRACY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM***

1pm Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 2014 will go down as "D-Day - Democracy Day" for Local Government Minister Tony Simpson.

Outraged residents and ratepayers from right across the metropolitan area will converge on the steps of Parliament House to demand the right to a democratic say in local government reform.

Delegates representing Canning, Kalamunda, Mundaring, Serpentine-Jarrahdale, South Perth, Subiaco and Vincent will present their official *Requests for a Poll* (formal petitions made under the Local Government Act) on the steps of Parliament.

Not surprisingly, the Minister has already indicated he will NOT attend D-Day, to take receipt of the petitions signed by thousands of angry West Australians robbed of their constitutional rights to self-determination and a democratic say over the Government's decision to impose Local Government Boundary Changes instead of Council Amalgamations.

The Minister cannot refuse to accept them, nor can the Minister refuse the *Request for a Poll*. The *Request for a Poll* is not about whether you support a boundary change or an amalgamation; it is about maintaining our rights as a community to a free and open democratic process.

The Minister for Local Government is trying to mis-lead the public into thinking that a Boundary Change does not allow for a poll. However, for a boundary change to occur a local government has to be abolished and then districts can be amalgamated into one boundary.

**Join us on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm as we demand democracy – not dictatorship.**

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