Victoria’s council reforms in 1994 remain Australia’s most radical restructuring of local government.

The changes under the Kennett government reduced the number of councils from 210 to 79 through amalgamations.

In this episode of Change Agents, Andrew Dodd brings together Stuart Morris QC and Leonie Hemingway (formerly Leonie Burke), the two people who respectively led the Labor and Liberal governments’ attempts at reform.

They speak for the first time publicly about their successes and failures on the road to this overhaul of local government.

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