

COMMENT ON PUBLIC SUGGESTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
NSW



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by

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Dear Sir

I write to comment on and support the submissions made to the Committee re the potential redistribution to the NSW House of Representative seats in the Australian Parliament.

Furthermore, it is mine and Council's strong belief that the Tumbarumba Shire Council should remain as part of the Eden-Monaro electorate in your upcoming electoral seat redistribution review. My Council has developed and encouraged significant relationships and involvement with many of the regional population centres within the seat together with our neighbouring Shire, Tumut Shire Council, and any separation and/or removal from the seat of Eden-Monaro would be extremely detrimental to our Shire residents and community in general.

Council also has concerns in regards to the potential loss of a rural seat when the practical equality of being able to service some of the large sized inland area rural seats in this nation is becoming physically impossible for our many hard-working rural parliamentarians.

Our Shire has very close and strong links through the Kosciuszko National Park and also strong cultural and sporting links with the eastern part of the Eden-Monaro electorate. Council is also strongly involved in Tourism events and facilities together with lobbying with our neighbouring Shire, for additional road transport networks into the Eden-Monaro area of the country.

I trust the Commission will take on board my comments and support the retention of Tumbarumba Shire Council as part of the seat of Eden-Monaro in any review carried out later in the year.

Yours faithfully

Councillor George Martin
Mayor