

# **PUBLIC SUGGESTION**

The Federal Redistribution 2009  
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To the Redistribution Committee

**I respectfully submit that the current boundaries in the Federal seat of Riverina are maintained and the seat of Riverina continues to be a separate electorate within New South Wales**

I am concerned any reduction in the present 15 seats in regional NSW will seriously impede the Member of Parliament for **Riverina's** ability to effectively represent and communicate with their constituents and visa versa

Constituents in rural and regional areas have the same right as any Australian Citizen for access to their Members of Parliament but are already penalised by living in regional electorates that have much larger territories and areas (98 %) than Metropolitan electorates ( 2 % ) which are very small by comparison .

Most regional electorates do not have any Public transport and in the **Riverina** we have a huge territory eg **Griffith in the West to Gundagai in the East** .... we have only one Member of Parliament to cover all that country .. this is a huge task and requires an enormous amount of energy and time from all rural Members . There are no regular electric trains that the member can catch at the drop of a hat to visit the outlying divisions and overnight stays are often necessary when duties extend to the evening

If any seat in NSW has to be eliminated it should be a Metropolitan seat and not a regional seat in NSW

yours sincerely

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