

# **PUBLIC SUGGESTION**

The Federal Redistribution 2009  
NSW



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**by**

**Warren Shire Council**

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Australian Electoral Commission  
Redistribution Committee of NSW  
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21<sup>st</sup> April 2009

Dear Sir

**Re: NSW Electoral Redistribution**

Warren Shire Council wishes to submit the following suggestion in relation to the Federal Electoral Redistribution in NSW.

Our major concern is the loss of rural seats in any redistribution. History has shown this to be the fact in the past. It is imperative that Country New South Wales is not disadvantaged with a reduction in seats representing rural, regional and remote areas.

Council understands the difficulty faced in ensuring each seat has it's quota. But equity is not necessarily about numbers, it is about having electorates that have community of interest and can be fairly represented on these issues. As a result this can be achieved by "topping up" one or more of the genuine rural seats with outer metropolitan areas.

This would help overcome the difficulty that constituents have in the following areas:-

- Potential loss of another country seat
- Ability of MP to fairly represent such a large area
- Many differing community of interests
- Difficulty for constituents to access MP

I am willing to expand further should you require.

Yours faithfully



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