

# **PUBLIC SUGGESTION**

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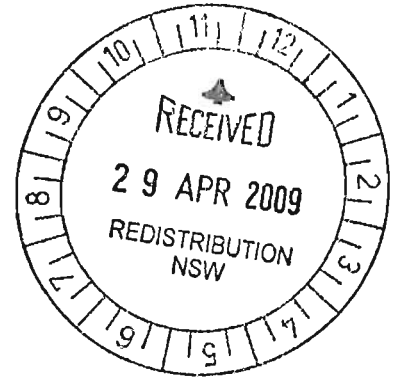
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The Australian Electoral Commission,  
C/- Mrs. Kay Hull, M.P.,  
Federal Member for Riverina,  
Suite 2, 11-15 Fitzmaurice Street,  
WAGGA WAGGA. 2650.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The purpose of this letter is to voice our opposition to the proposal to abolish the country electoral seat of Riverina or any other country seat in New South Wales.

Country people contribute greatly to the economy etc. of Australia and all too often we are being told by city people, who have no idea of conditions in the country, what is good for us and what we should be doing. To lose another voice in Government would be extremely detrimental to us in this area.

We appeal to the Electoral Commission not to get bogged down in Political correctness and just look at the population figures. Total area size of country electoral seats should surely come into consideration. Some Metropolitan seats are only the size of a postage stamp in comparison to the country and whilst the population may be greater, the actual task of administering to the needs of that population would be less strenuous than the long distances to travel and the hours required to service this area is for country politicians.

We therefore submit this letter opposing the abolition of the seat of Riverina for your earnest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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