



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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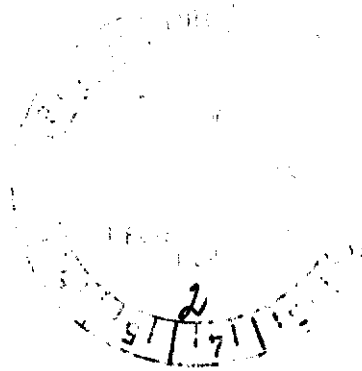
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Australia Electoral Commission
Redistribution Committee for NSW
PO Box 220014
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Dear Commissioner

RE: Proposed Redistribution of Federal Electorates in NSW

I am writing to advise of our Council's position in regard to the proposed redistribution of Federal Electorates in NSW following a decision to reduce the number of seats from 50 to 49.

Council is of the view that the Federal Electorate of Riverina should remain largely as it stands. The Electorate comprises rural and regional communities that have a great deal in common. The two regional centres are Wagga and Griffith, both of which are experiencing growth and development. Smaller centres compliment the regional centres and are also expanding in population.

The Riverina has a proud and unique history and for this reason is closely linked between all centres of population. This is evident through regional community fundraising campaigns including the cancer facilities and appeals for flood and bushfire relief. Many years of government administration have also been networked across the Riverina.

In researching for this submission, Council noted that the electorate has 87,998 enrolled voters which we understand is .26 percent less than the average based on 49 seats. It is also noted that there are a number of electorates throughout NSW that have a much larger deviation than the average.

Council asks that the current Federal Electorate for Riverina remain as currently drawn.

Council thanks you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Yours faithfully



Ken Murphy
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