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Dear Sir/Madam

On behalf of Murray Shire Council and its Community I wish to make comments on the suggested redistribution of Electoral Boundaries by the Australian Labor Party (NSW) particularly as it affects the seats of Parkes and Farrer.

The proposal to include the Western Murray Council areas from the current seat of Farrer severely dislocates the community of interest from the Eastern Murray Council areas based on the Murray Catchment. The Murray Catchment Management Authority boundaries confirm this community of interest. Murray Shire is located within the middle reaches of the Murray River and certainly looks to Albury as the Regional capital within NSW. The Murray Regional Development Board almost mirrors the current seat of Farrer and there are many economic drivers that bind the current electorate and the activities of this Board.

The suggestion by the ALP (NSW) for the redistribution of Farrer provides very little examination of the community of interest that currently exists in the electorate. The submission states:

"Turning to the south Parkes gains Hay from Riverina and also takes from Farrer LGA's from its Western end."

This is the only assessment of the affects of the suggestion within the submission. There are at least 6 LGA's affected with little assessment. It is interesting that the submission goes to inordinate lengths to argue community of interest in other areas particularly in Sydney.

The suggestion by the ALP(NSW) for the Parkes and Farrer electorates is not acceptable. The Parkes electorate would cover around 2 thirds of the area of NSW and the mere servicing by a Local Member would be impossible. The suggestion made by the National Party is far more acceptable.

Please discuss if required.

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