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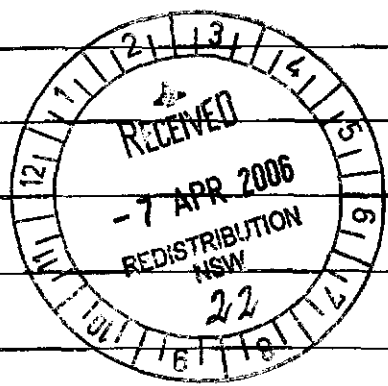
TO: AVST. ELECTORAL COMMISSION FAX NO: (02) 9212 2208
 ATTENTION: DATE: 7/4/06
 FROM: JOHN BARNHURST POSITION: DIRECTOR CORP. SERVICES
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Message:

RE : NSW Electoral Redistribution

Please find attached comments in relation to suggestion 18, Hon Peter Andrew M.P.





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Australian Electoral Commissioner
Redistribution Committee for NSW
P O Box 20014
WORLD SQUARE NSW 2002

Dear Commissioner

I am writing in relation to suggestion No. 18, Peter Andren MP.

Council opposes the suggestion by Mr Andren MP to remove Leeton from the Federal electorate of Riverina, and to include it in the Parkes electorate.

Council's main reasons for opposing Mr Andren's suggestion are as follows:

• **Community and Business Interests**

Leeton is part of the MIA, a major agricultural food bowl located within the Riverina. Leeton is part of Riverina Regional Tourism, and the Riverina Industrial Development Board.

The interests of Leeton residents lie firmly in the Riverina. These interests include business, tourism, networking and sporting.

To remove Leeton from the Riverina Electorate and place it within the Parkes electorate would in Council's opinion disadvantage the town both from a business and community interest perspective.

• **Distance and Access to Local Member**

Council is concerned that any proposal to include Leeton within the Parkes electorate will mean that access to the local member will be more restrictive due to distance.

At present the local Member for Riverina has offices at Wagga and Griffith and makes regular trips through the electorate. Residents of Leeton have ease of access to the local member under the current electoral boundary arrangement.

Council believes that this ease of access will not be the case should Leeton be included within the Parkes electorate.

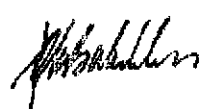
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Council wishes to advise that in its opinion the electorate of Riverina should remain basically as it is, and that any suggestion to include Leeton in the Parkes electorate should not be considered.

Yours faithfully



John Batchelor
Director Corporate Services