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Farrer

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The Redistribution Committee for New South Wales Level 4, Roden Cutler House 24 Campbell Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Committee Members,

I wish to submit on behalf of Conargo Shire Council a suggestion that your Committee consider the recommendations of the Liberal Party with respect to the boundary changes for the Electorate of Farrer.

Council has considered the impact of the boundary changes and is of the opinion that our Regional Centre should remain in Albury and not Parkes or Broken Hill as this is the community where we have a Regional interest that best serves our ratepayers.

The area to our North which includes Hay is very similar in topography in our own Shire. Rural industries in our region and Shire staff and Councillors regularly commute to Albury to link up with Air Services for the purpose of attending conferences in Sydney to remain in contact with Local Government Departments. This trend also extends to our constituents who conduct much of their rural business through Albury that offers a large range of services that provide economic benefits to our ratepayers and residents.

We also strongly support the concept that electoral boundaries should be drawn in rural areas that incorporate whole Local Government Areas in the one seat with splits minimised.

In summary I would like to convey to you our preferred option and that is the adoption of the NSW Liberal Party recommendations in relation to boundary changes in the Electorate of Farrer.

Yours faithfully,

Norm Brennan Mayor of Conargo Shire