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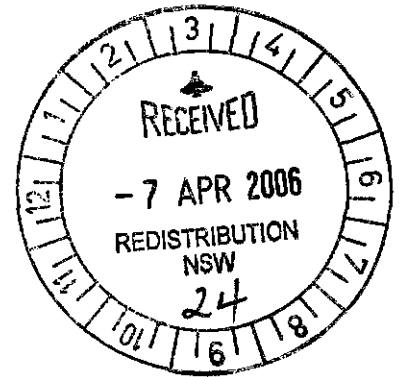
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Regards  
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Dear Commissioner,  
Please find attached a letter from Mayor Marg Thomson of Wentworth Shire Council regarding NSW Electoral Redistribution.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Mayor's Office if you have any queries regarding the attachment.  
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Regards

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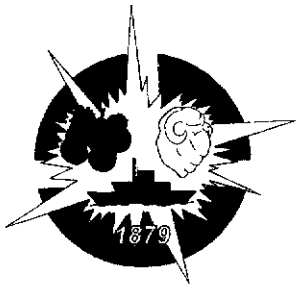
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Dear Commissioner,

**NSW Electoral Redistribution**

As Mayor of Wentworth Shire Council, I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the proposal to alter the boundaries of the Federal electorates in New South Wales.

Our Shire is currently within the seat of Farrer, which serves the towns that lie along the Murray River and are surrounded by irrigated horticulture and large grazing and cereal cropping, and dry land farms.

The electorate of Farrer at the present time provides to these rural river communities the ability to address similar issues affecting their communities and have a common bond with the electors throughout the Federal seat, as they are face similar economic and social issues.

A numbers of farmers throughout this area are faced with difficulties to negotiate a reasonable price for their produce while competing in the "level playing field" of the international markets. Something that the population that live in metropolitan areas do not understand.

The electors of Farrer have a common bond and an excellent working relationship so they are able to combine their resources to deal with a number of issues affecting their daily life.

The issues of drought conditions, exceptional circumstances, cross border anomalies, quality of the major river systems and services to outlying areas can only be addressed and improved upon by an united front of areas facing similar economic and social problems.

The seat of Farrer at the moment does cover a large area however it is manageable for the elected member to serve his/her constituents.

If consideration is given to change the boundaries to divide the current seat and create a Federal seat to cover all of far west New South Wales, I believe it would be to the detriment of families living in rural communities having their voice heard at Federal Government level.

Council of the Shire  
of Wentworth

In summary, the Wentworth Shire Council does not have any problem with the existing boundary however if to maintain the current makeup there needs to be an increase in population numbers, then it would be logical for the Hay Shire Council area should be included in the seat of Farrer.

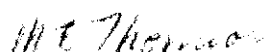
This area shares a similar makeup to Local Government areas presented currently by the electorate and has similar economic and social issues especially in regards to the provision of a quality water supply, with its reliance of the Murrumbidgee River, irrigation horticulture and dry land farming issues.

If it is necessary to change the electoral boundaries in New South Wales then primary consideration should be given to changing electorates within the metropolitan areas. To decrease the number of seats representing the rural areas could only be seen as a backward step.

Prior to any change to electoral boundaries it is paramount that prime consideration be given to ensure that people of the electorate share common interests and social and economic issues.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my views,

Yours faithfully



Cr Marg Thomson  
MAYOR.

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