

The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES

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Good afternoon

At its meeting of 27 July, Palerang Council resolved to make a submission to the AEC regarding the NSW redistribution which results in the splitting of the Palerang local government area into the electorates of Eden-Monaro and Hume.

Please accept this email as Council's submission. It will be followed shortly by a more formal letter.

Council recognises the difficulty in ensuring that each electorate fits the mandated population limits, but asks the AEC to reconsider the impacts on the newly created Palerang area as Council and its communities struggle to develop their own identity.

Council understands that the proposed redistribution will align the local boundary of the federal seat along the Kings Highway and Tarago Road. Council thinks this would be administratively p roblematic for Council and confusing for the community to be split across two electorates.

If the boundary is as Council understands it, the village of Bungendore will be split. Some of the older and significant buildings will be in Hume, together with Council's sewerage treatment works and the older part of the Elmslea subdivision.

Additionally Council feels that Wamboin and Bywong residents' community of interest lies more with Bungendore and Palerang and Queanbeyan than with Goulburn. Combined, the population Wamboin and Bywong districts rival that of Bungendore and Braidwood combined. Council understands that both the Bywong and Wamboin Community Associations have each made an application requesting that the boundaries be changed to include all of Palerang within one electorate.

regards

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