

The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Commissioners

I write specifically to protest the inclusion of Tumut and Tumbarumba Shires into your proposed Eden-Monaro electorate on the basis that:

There is The Snowy Mountains Range to be negotiated in hazardous conditions in Winter, depending upon where the Member's electoral office is situated.

The geography of the two shires and the economic base, favours either staying in Farrer or going to Riverina, either one being more direct, safer, and travel is within the electorate.

Looking at a map, the Snowy Mountains Highway provides the theoretical access backed up by a road through the Brindabella Ranges but both have steep winding sections, traverse National Parks with their all year round problem of kangaroos crossing roads.

The alternate safe trip to a Queanbeyan electoral office would require travelling through Riverina, Hume, and the ACT.

I also write as one of the many individuals and organizations trying to develop new industries, retain and improve the backup services of rural areas, with the long term aim of turning the migration back to the country and helping to slow the population crisis in major cities.

Our task is made very difficult if we have less politicians when in fact we need more, as they are the main means of making the legislative changes necessary to achieve our goals.

One vote one value is a Utopian concept that has brought hardship to rural areas and been counter productive for cities, therefore a slight reversal by creating one or two more rural electorates at the expense of city will ultimately bring more good than harm.

Yours sincerely

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