

COMMENT ON PUBLIC SUGGESTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
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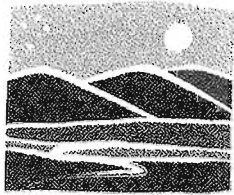


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by

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Dear Sir

I write in regards to the opportunity to make comment on the submissions made re the potential redistribution to the NSW House of Representative seats in the Australian Parliament. I have read the comments and endorse those made regarding losing rural seats, equity and justice issues.

In addition, I wish to advise that the Tumbarumba Shire Council has long been a "ping-pong" parliamentary seat in NSW for many years having been involved with Farrer, Hume, and now Eden-Monaro as part of the on-going redistribution reviews that occur regularly in this country. Our Shire certainly believes it is high time that we are not treated with the "ping-pong" theory in regards to balancing resident numbers and that we should firmly remain in the seat of Eden-Monaro now and into the future.

In support of maintaining our existing Federal seat relationship, I advise Council is closely linked through many areas in regards to the seat of Eden-Monaro and more particularly the Queanbeyan region of New South Wales. Council has a close affinity and involvement with Tourism Snowy Mountains and our road and transport infrastructure also reflects significant growth in regards to communities of interest concerning the major population centres of the Eden-Monaro seat.

I also advise Council's residents also avail themselves of many health facilities, cultural and sporting events that are located within the Eden-Monaro electorate and/or the ACT.

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Council has developed a strong relationship and contact network in relation to the Eden-Monaro electorate and its current member and strongly believes that our Shire along with that of Tumut Shire should remain in Eden-Monaro, particularly given the strong mutually beneficial involvement our two Shires have.

I trust the Commission will take into account Council's request to be retained in the seat of Eden-Monaro and that the Commission also seriously takes on board the continued erosion of rural New South Wales seats and in fact, Australian's opportunity to fair and equitable representation through the size and land area being forced to be covered by our rural Parliamentarians. Surely given the demographics and the population size, the abolition (should it be required) of a metropolitan seat would provide more beneficial and equitably determined outcomes for the State of New South Wales.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B J Pearson', is written over a faint, circular stamp or watermark.

B J Pearson
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