

# **COMMENT ON OBJECTIONS**

The Federal Redistribution 2009  
NSW



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## **Comment on Objections Number 4**

by

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 September 2009 4:21 PM  
**To:** NSW Redistribution  
**Subject:** Objection to the Report of the Federal redistribution in Hume. [Scanned]

Palerang Council wishes to renew its objection 001717 dated 28 July 2006 to the redistribution for the 2007 General Election which resulted in the shire being separated into two different electorates, Eden-Monaro and Hume.

Council is of the firm opinion that despite the difficulty in ensuring that each electorate fits the required population numbers, that the AEC should consider the impacts on the shire (created only in 2004) as Council and its communities struggle to develop their own identity.

We note that on 8 August 2009 the NSW Redistribution proposed a continuation of this split despite reuniting another split Local Government Area (LGA) Eurobodalla Shire within Eden-Monaro.

Council feels that the Wamboin and Bywong residents' community of interest lies more with Palerang's main town Bungendore and nearby Queanbeyan rather than with Goulburn which is the nearest regional centre in Hume and up to four times further away from the shire's settlements. Queanbeyan City however is nearby to each of the Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton East communities and services these residents regionally.

As previously pointed out these rural hobby farm areas combined have a greater population than the shire's two main towns of Bungendore and Braidwood. Many of the residents of the three areas work in Bungendore or Queanbeyan. As such they are an integral part of the shire which makes an anomaly of them being in the electorate of Hume.

Council feels there would be considerable benefits for these same-shire residents to be located in the Eden-Monaro electorate.

Previously the Eden-Monaro boundary ran down the Federal Highway which was a more logical electorate boundary than the one revised for the 2007 election.

Council requests that consideration be given to placing all our shire's residents in Eden-Monaro.

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Regards

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