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Dear AEC Board

Please find attached the Central Coast Council of P&C's response to the proposed electoral boundaries. As the peak Central Coast school parent body we have chosen to give our broad views of community needs and services required for the well-being of children and their families rather than comment on individual boundary lines themselves.

Kind Regards

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Change of Electoral Boundaries Response.

Rational

When electoral boundaries need to change, it may impact on the well-being of those affected by the boundary changes. This response is an attempt to address some of the possible consequences of looking at electoral boundary changes to ensure there is enhanced equity, well-being of high support need residents particularly children and young people and sustaining and growing access to relevant services for community well-being.

Arguments

- **The electoral boundaries where possible need to reflect genuine community boundaries that focus on locations of schools, as well as commercial outlets, government and non-government services. This being the key to sustaining and building a sense of community.**
- **Communities need to be close to transport links, reliable transport routes and established hubs. This is particularly necessary and must be accessible to people with lower incomes, disabilities and/or higher support needs.**
- **When making electoral boundary changes, working with government and non-government agencies and community services as well as other agencies to ensure needs-based provision of relevant community services should be the planned strategy.**

Conclusion

When it is necessary to change boundaries it should be linked to the natural existing or planned community corridors to satisfy criteria that will maintain the net welfare of those within the reformed boundaries. A net loss to disadvantaged children and young people in communities especially the will result in a reduction in equity. Thus the cardinal criteria or test of the merits of any change in boundaries is that pre-planning and consultation can and must be considered to support community through the provision of social goods and services.