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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to ask that the electorate of Riverina is not changed or merged with any other electorate.

What government needs to understand ,is that rural electorates have unique needs and should be supported to assist in the decentralisation of population in this country. The electorate of Riverina is quite unique in that it contains Wagga Wagga , which is New South Wales largest inland city, as well as many towns and farms that make up Australia's largest food producing areas.

Any dismantling or merging of the Riverina electorate would remove that vital direct government involvement we need to assist in the growth and increased output of this important agricultural region. If anything our Federal government should be looking at ways of bolstering regional areas like the Riverina to try and reduce some of the stress that Sydney is now facing with huge population growth. Decentralisation of government services and industry would help rebuild rural areas and spread the wealth of this great nation more evenly.

So instead of running down rural Australia ,it is up to Government to rebuild the country, not dismantle it to a point where it can not function, and simply vanishes.

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