

PUBLIC SUGGESTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
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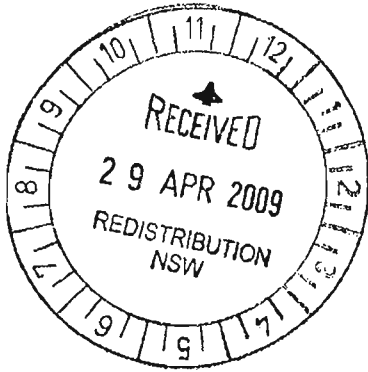


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COUNCIL REFERENCE: 18854-02 (D09/63696)
CONTACT PERSON: Greg Roberts
YOUR REF:

29 April 2009

Australian Electoral Commission - Enrolment Services Section
PO Box K778
HAYMARKET NSW 1240

Attention Mr San Lauw

Dear Mr Lauw,

New South Wales Federal Electoral Redistribution Proposal

Thank you for inviting Council to comment on the review of the electoral boundaries within New South Wales in order to reduce the number of Federal Seats from 49 to 48.

This proposal is presented on the basis that Council is at the grass roots level of democracy and through its extensive consultative processes has a clear understanding of the views of the Shoalhaven community.

The electoral boundary redistribution proposal was discussed by Council last evening in the presence of members of the community and the following resolution was unanimously supported by all Councillors:

1. That Council support a submission for the Federal seat of Gilmore and that it includes:
 - Retaining Shoalhaven City Council area entirely within the boundaries of the Federal seat of Gilmore.
 - Maintaining the seat of Gilmore as a Regional seat pursuant to the rules of Electoral distribution relating to communities of interest.
 - That the Federal seat of Gilmore not move so far north that it would extend into the southern suburbs of Wollongong.
2. A further report be presented to Council when the proposed electoral boundaries are placed on public exhibition.

I would be grateful if you would please include this as a submission and keep me informed of developments in respect to the review of the Federal Electoral boundaries as they occur.

If you need further information about this matter, please contact Greg Roberts, Finance & Corporate Services Group on (02) 4429 3268. Please quote Council's reference 18854-02.

Yours faithfully

Greg Roberts
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