

# **PUBLIC SUGGESTION**

The Federal Redistribution 2009  
NSW



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Dear Sir / Madam,

I write in reference to your request for suggestions concerning the 2009 NSW redistribution. My suggestion is quite simple in that it will be quite unnecessary for the commission to abolish another rural or regional electorate. The rural and regional residents of New South Wales are already at a disadvantage in that our representation in Federal Parliament has been eroded to a number of "mega seats".

It is already the case where some residents are forced to travel a total of ten (10) hours round trip to speak with their local member (Mudgee to Moree). This in turn leaves many residents of rural NSW feeling that we are not equitably represented in the Federal Parliament.

I understand that presently in Australia, the metropolitan areas of the country have 34 electorates which represent approximately 1.38% of the area of Australia, and regional areas have 15 electorates which in turn represents 98.62% of the area of Australia. It would therefore be disingenuous and highly insulting for the commission to abolish yet another rural / regional seat. People in rural NSW deserve the right to easily access their local member and therefore the redistribution must be undertaken within metropolitan seats.

A redistribution of metropolitan seats would cause far less upheaval than what another redistribution of a rural or regional seat would. I commend the commission to consider the abolition of Banks. I note that the seat of Banks only covers 59sq km and the seat is also currently under the commission's population quota (93 201). This seat could be abolished and the area amalgamated into the neighboring seats.

A further option is the seat of Lowe. This seat covers 39sq km and again, this seat is under the commission's population quota (88 360). This seat could easily be abolished and the area could simply be amalgamated into the neighboring seats.

I thank the commission for it's time in considering my suggestions.

Kind regards  
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