

# **PUBLIC SUGGESTION**

The Federal Redistribution 2009  
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**by**

**Wollondilly Shire Council**

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Mr E Killesteyn  
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*Mr Maxwell*  
*[Signature]*



~~28 April 2009~~

Dear Mr Killesteyn

I write in response to a resolution of Council passed at the Ordinary Meeting of Wollondilly Shire Council on 20 April 2009. Councillors are aware that there may soon be a Federal redistribution and are anxious for the entire Wollondilly Council to be contained in one Federal Electorate. Accordingly they passed the following motion:

"That Wollondilly Shire Council write to the Australian Electoral Commission in regard to the proposed Federal redistribution requesting that the whole of our council area be in one seat."

At present our Shire is spread between no less than five electorates and this makes it very difficult to obtain adequate representation on a Federal level, as effectively we do not have a Local Member. We have five Members of Parliament each responsible for a portion of the Shire and the Wollondilly constituents form a very small part of the population of each electorate. Our Council needs to regularly lobby Federal Parliament and seek advice regarding grants and other Federal issues. Without a dedicated Local Member our task becomes much more difficult and our residents become virtually disenfranchised.

I urge you to take this into account when carrying out the next Federal redistribution so that Wollondilly Shire can be adequately represented in the Federal sphere.

Yours faithfully

Les McMahon  
GENERAL MANAGER