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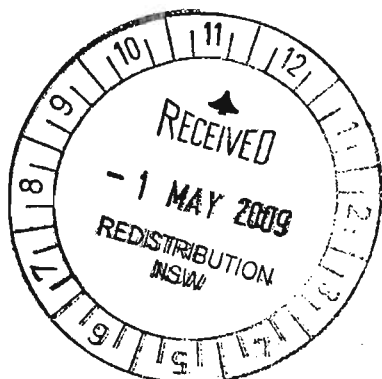
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Dear Sir or Madam

I refer to the proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries in New South Wales.

Eurobodalla Shire Council on the south coast of NSW serves a community of 35,000 people. The Shire stretches for approximately 110 km bounded by the ocean to the east and the coastal escarpment to the west. Batemans Bay in the north, Moruya in the centre and Narooma in the south are the main towns, with Batemans Bay being the regional centre for the whole Shire. Major infrastructure such water supply serves the whole Shire. The Princes Highway runs the length of the Shire and is the main access route.

Prior to the redistribution of boundaries in 2006, Eurobodalla Shire Council was placed wholly within the Division of Eden Monaro. Following the 2006 distribution, the regional centre of Batemans Bay and some villages to its south were placed in the Division of Gilmore with the remainder of the Shire, including the major towns of Moruya and Narooma, being placed in the Division of Eden Monaro.

At the time Council expressed its strong opposition to the proposal to split the Shire between the two Divisions and the concerns raised at that time have proven to be correct.

We are a rapidly developing area and our aim is to provide sound economic development for the region. Seeking successful outcomes when dealing with two Federal Members of Parliament, one of whom represents the developing regional centre of Batemans Bay and the other who represents the coastal villages and more rural areas of the Shire, is proving difficult. Council believes there is a community of interest within the boundaries of the Shire which is not being adequately recognised whilst the Shire is split between two electorates.

In recognition of this community of interest, we seek the Committee's consideration of our request to have the Shire situated entirely within the boundaries of one Federal electorate.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "PJ Anderson".

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