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Dear Mr Coleman

Update on the status of the redistribution of federal electoral boundaries for New South Wales

I am writing to update you on the status of the redistribution of federal electoral boundaries in New South Wales. You may recall that I wrote on 17 November 2014 to inform you that, following my ascertainment of the population of the Commonwealth, the States and the Territories, in accordance with section 46 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act), the entitlement of the State of New South Wales will decrease from 48 to 47 members in the House of Representatives at the next federal general election.

The redistribution formally commenced on 1 December 2014 following the publication of a notice in the *Commonwealth Gazette* (the Gazette). In accordance with section 64 of the Electoral Act, a notice was published in the Gazette on Wednesday 22 April 2015 and in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Australian* on Saturday 25 April 2015 inviting written suggestions and comments on suggestions about the redistribution. This notice will also shortly appear in *The Land*.

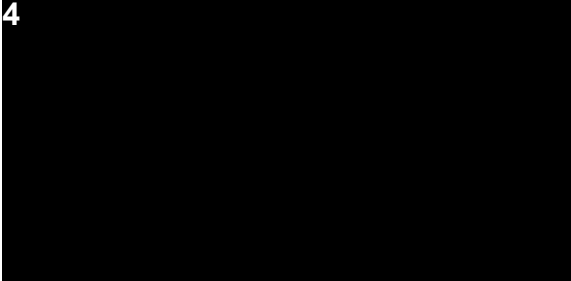
In accordance with the requirements of the Electoral Act, written suggestions must be received by the Redistribution Committee for New South Wales by 6pm AEST on Friday 22 May 2015 to allow them to be considered. All suggestions received by this time will be available for public inspection from Monday 25 May 2015. Interested parties will be able to lodge written comments on the suggestions up until 6pm AEST Friday 5 June 2015. Comments received after this time will not be able to be considered.

After considering the written suggestions and comments on suggestions, the Redistribution Committee will propose a redistribution of federal electoral boundaries for New South Wales. It is envisaged that the proposed redistribution will be available in September/October 2015.

Information about how to make a suggestion is available from the AEC website: www.aec.gov.au/nsw-redistribution. I have also attached a list of where you can find further information about the redistribution.

Should you require any further information regarding this matter please contact the Australian Electoral Officer and State Manager for New South Wales, Mr Doug Orr on (02) 9375 6319.

Yours sincerely



Tom Rogers
Electoral Commissioner

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Further information

More information regarding the redistribution is available on the AEC's website, including

- an indicative timetable and background information for the New South Wales redistribution – www.aec.gov.au/nsw-redistribution
- current electoral divisions in New South Wales – <http://www.aec.gov.au/profiles/index.htm>
- guidelines for making a public submission – <http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/guidelines-for-submissions.htm>
- guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions – <http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/guidelines.htm>
- the legal requirements for a federal redistribution as outlined in Part IV of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* – http://www.aec.gov.au/Elections/australian_electoral_system/Electoral_Legislation.htm
- general information about the redistribution process – www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/

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