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Dear Mr Coleman

### **Redistribution of New South Wales into electoral divisions**

I am writing to update you on the status of the redistribution of federal electoral divisions in New South Wales. You may recall that I wrote to you in October 2015 to inform you the Redistribution Committee for New South Wales had released its proposed report: *Proposed redistribution of New South Wales into electoral divisions*, on Friday 16 October 2015 and individuals and organisations were invited to object to the proposal. As a result 791 objections and 26 comments on objections were received.

In addition to the written objections and comments on objections the augmented Electoral Commission for New South Wales held two inquiries into objections; one in Sydney on Wednesday 16 December 2015 and the other in Port Macquarie on Friday 18 December 2015. A total of 48 oral submissions were made.

Following consideration of the written objections, comments on objections and the oral submissions made at the inquiries, the augmented Electoral Commission made a public announcement on Thursday 14 January 2016. In summary the augmented Electoral Commission:

- adopted the majority of the Redistribution Committee's proposed electoral boundaries with adjustments made to the boundaries of 18 electoral divisions,
- adopted the Redistribution Committee's proposal to rename the Division of Throsby as the Division of Whitlam and to retain the names of the remaining 46 electoral divisions, and
- concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal to abolish the Division of Hunter and rename the Division of Charlton as the Division of Hunter was appropriate to address the loss of one electoral division in New South Wales.

The augmented Electoral Commission concluded that, as it had adopted the Redistribution Committee's proposal with minor adjustments, it was not 'significantly different' from that of the Redistribution Committee of New South Wales. Therefore, in accordance with section 72(13) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act), further objections were not required.

The augmented Electoral Commission made its final determination of boundaries and names of the electoral divisions for New South Wales by notice published in the *Commonwealth Government Notices Gazette* on Thursday 25 February 2016.

As required by section 75 of the Electoral Act, a number of required documents were tabled in the Federal Parliament on Tuesday 15 March 2016.

The new electoral divisions will apply at the next general election.

Information about the new electoral boundaries and names in New South Wales are available on the AEC website: [www.aec.gov.au/nsw-redistribution](http://www.aec.gov.au/nsw-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 6300.

Yours sincerely

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Tom Rogers  
Electoral Commissioner

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