



**THE FEDERAL
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NEW SOUTH WALES**

Objection 198

Parkes Shire Council

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Electoral Commissioner
Australian Electoral Commission

Dear Sir

PROPOSED FEDERAL ELECTORATE REDISTRIBUTION - OBJECTION

Parkes Shire is currently situated in the Federal Electorate of Riverina. The proposed redistribution places the Local Government Area of Parkes in the Federal Electorate of Parkes.

Parkes Council objects to this redistribution.

Aside from the exemplary representation provided by our current member, the Hon Michael McCormack MP, we are concerned for the following reasons.

The size of the electorate - The Parkes Electorate is enormous. A member cannot effectively represent the Parkes Shire, when simultaneously expected to represent such localities as Tibooburra, for example, which is over 850 kilometres away. The sheer size and distances will dilute any representative's ability to effectively represent.

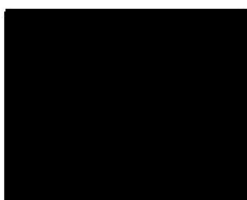
Area of Commerce - The Parkes Shire's area of commerce is to the East and South. There is very little commerce for our shire with areas to the North and West. Given our proposed proximity in the very south of the Parkes Electorate we will not be with like communities, exacerbating the difficulties to represent our shire effectively. This stands in contrast to Dubbo, which is the service centre to towns both West and North, ie the current Electorate of Parkes.

Dislocation with Joint Organisation - Parkes Council is an inaugural member of the Central NSW Joint Organisation. Moving Parkes Shire into Parkes Electorate somewhat isolates Parkes Shire politically from the core of CNSWJO.

Communities of Interest - Similar to areas of Commerce, Parkes Shire does not predominately have social interests with towns to the North and West.

While Parkes Shire will always seek to work effectively with any Federal member we see our inclusion with the Electorate of Parkes a disadvantage to our Shire.

Yours faithfully



Kent Boyd
General Manager