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Dear Commissioner,

Thank you for the proposed boundaries for New South Wales.

I'm making comment for just the North Coast of the state.

Overall, I think the proposed boundaries for this region are good, so I'm only making three small proposed changes.

Proposed changes

1. Parkes-New England

Proposed changes:

Reverse the 2,071 projected electors in Inverell Surrounds (East and West) and Moree Surrounds, returning them back to Parkes. This makes Parkes very slightly over rather than under quota, but well within the allowable range. Primarily it reduces the number of elector movements, which isn't really necessary here, plus is more forward-looking in regard to future expected growth.

2. New England – Hunter

Proposed changes:

To keep New England close to quota after losing the ~2,000 electors back to Parkes, it should pick up the 3,942 project voters in Singleton Surrounds from Hunter. Similarly to Proposed Change 1, this brings New England very slightly over rather than under quota, but given its slow growth, suggest that these are preferable outcomes for both Parkes and New England.

3. Hunter - Newcastle

Proposed changes:

Hunter should lose the above mentioned 3,942 projected electors in Singleton Surrounds

It should, however, be returned the 988 projected electors currently proposed to transfer to Newcastle. This will keep Hunter at around 128,000 electors, but it has greater growth potential than Parkes or New England.

In my view these three changes improve each electorate, with a better view to growth and keeping elector movements and proximity to quota in mind.

I've attached indicative maps below.

Best of luck.



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**MAP OF PROPOSED
COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL DIVISION
NEW ENGLAND**





