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# Objection 678

Forbes Shire Council

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**Subject: Objection to proposed 2023-2024 New South Wales federal redistribution**

Dear Electoral Commissioner,

I am writing to object to the proposed electoral boundary redistribution, which seeks to relocate Forbes Shire from the Riverina electorate to the Parkes electorate. This objection is grounded in concerns regarding representation, community cohesion, and the practical implications of the Parkes division's size.

Forbes Shire has been an integral part of the Riverina electorate, sharing a cohesive community identity and regional interests with neighbouring areas. The proposed move to the Parkes electorate disrupts this cohesion and dilutes effective local representation for Forbes Shire residents due to a disruption of established connections.

The proposed inclusion in the Parkes electorate, a vast area with larger population centres, raises concerns about Forbes Shire's ability to maintain effective representation and address its specific needs.

Furthermore, Forbes Shire faces unique challenges within the larger Parkes division:

**Representation and Influence:** As a smaller population centre, Forbes Shire may struggle to compete for attention and resources compared to larger towns, limiting its influence in decision-making and resource allocation.

**Economic Development:** The size of the Parkes division may impact Forbes Shire's ability to attract investment and support local economic initiatives, facing greater hurdles compared to larger urban centres within the division.

Therefore, I urge the Electoral Commission to reconsider the proposed boundary redistribution and maintain Forbes Shire within the Riverina electorate. This decision is vital to preserving community cohesion, ensuring effective representation, and addressing Forbes Shire's specific needs fairly.

Thank you for considering this objection.

Yours sincerely

  
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