

## Details of your comment

Please provide additional information and supporting documentation as attachments.

NSW 200701/38

The proposal provided by the Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party (NSW) Incorporated is supported.

This maintains the Electorate of Murray and improves representation in that and surrounding Electorates.

It is my view that the Shooters Fishers and Farmers submission meets the below criteria

In deciding where the boundaries should be drawn, many factors are taken into consideration. These include:

demographic trends

community interests including economic, social and regional interests

means of communication and travel

physical features and area

mountains and other natural boundaries

boundaries of existing districts.

I have viewed all the submissions relating to Whole of State and note that with the exception of 200701/35 National Party submission the remainder of submissions are generally similar in regard to treatment of the country based electorates

In terms of re-distributions generally, adjustment of distributions is not generally required, however, my preference for changes would be as follows outlined :

Murray - retain with minor adjustments

Seat of Tamworth: Gunnedah to Barwon, Quirindi to Tamworth from Upper Hunter

Seat of New England - Tenterfield to New England

The above changes give effect to logical connections of the changes according to local geography and customary connections for the populations based on customary delivery of services, conduct of business and shopping and sport/schooling connections

Remainder of electorates: Generally accomplish re-distribution by adjustment of local boundaries. The introduction of a new seat without an increase in total number of seats is not supported as this leads to diminution of existing country seats by increasing coverage areas meaning increasing difficulty for constituents in accessing their local members.

I wish to note that I have found the process established by the Electoral Commission somewhat confusing in that I seemingly have to respond to each Suggestion individually, an extremely time consuming task for an individual.

Having made the comments above, I would be happy for the detail of adjustments/re-distribution to be determined by processes of the Electoral Commission NSW

The other Suggestions I reference are :

Whilst obviously by a number of authors and organisations, I find the views expressed by these are in a very general alignment with my views.

NSW 200608/2, NSW 200618/4, NSW 200626/9, NSW 200628/10, NSW 200629/18, NSW 200630/21, NSW 200630/22, NSW 200630/25, NSW 200701/30, NSW 200701/31, NSW 200701/34, NSW 200701/36, NSW 200701/39