

Details of your suggestion

Please provide additional information and supporting documentation as attachments.

Suggestion One

That the state electorate of Lismore be renamed Bruxner

Reasons for said name change:

(1) The Bruxner Highway is the east - west highway that runs through the entire electorate that includes the city of Lismore, the township of Casino, the villages of Mummulgum, Mallangane, Drake and Tabulam . It also includes the township of Tenterfield and then runs west to the Dumaresq River which is the existing boundary of the electorate. Renaming the electorate would better reflect the diverse range of regional and rural communities that are linked by this major highway in the electorate than by using the name Lismore.

(2) The increase of commercial and tourist traffic (grey nomads) on the Bruxner Highway between Lismore and Tenterfield in the last twenty years. Although B-Double trucks are excluded on the Bruxner Highway between Lismore and Tenterfield there is still a high volume of other type of commercial vehicles delivering goods to the villages and to Tenterfield. Northern Rivers Buslines runs a service three times per week between Lismore and Tenterfield. This services the villages of Mummulgum, Mallangane, Tabulam and Drake as well as the township of Tenterfield. There is also a large number of local traffic that traverses the highway between Tenterfield and Lismore and vice versa. This is for residents to access medical services in Lismore and the Gold Coast in QLD.

(3) A high number of residents of Tenterfield and the rural villages along the Bruxner Highway use it to access medical services at the Lismore Base Hospital and St Vincents Private Hospital. There has recently been a call by Tenterfield residents to move from the Hunter New England Local Health District to the Northern Local Health District that takes in the the the main centres of the North Coast such as Lismore, Ballina and Byron. This is mainly due to lack of medical specialists and other ancillary services being available at the Prince Albert Memorial Hospital Tenterfield. The hospital has not had a maternity ward for a number of years and expectant mothers are forced to travel over the border to either Stanthorpe Hospital in QLD or to the major public or private hospitals in Lismore.

Suggestion Two.

That the town of Casino be removed from the electorate of Clarence and be included in the Lismore electorate.

Reasons for said change in electorate.

(1) Although Casino has long been associated with an electorate centred on Grafton it is located closer to Lismore being 31 Km by road compared to the distance to Grafton of 101 Km. In the last twenty years most of traffic travelling through the town is going from the East to the West and vice versa. This is comprises mainly private vehicles eg; Cars towing caravans and camper vans and a high volume of commercial vehicles delivering goods to the villages along the highway and to Tenterfield.

(2) The Bruxner Highway is the main highway running through Casino. This road links all the main communities between Lismore and Tenterfield. The existing boundaries that place Casino in the Clarence electorate makes no sense given that it excudes that section of the Bruxner Highway that passes through the township. My suggestion would ensure that a greater community of interest being reflected and would also ensure that the additional number of electors would meet the requirements of the quota(up or down)required in 2023.

This change would mean that the new boundary would commence where the Bruxner Highway passes Dyraaba Rd to the west of Casino and would then continue along the southern side of the Highway into Casino meeting up with the southern side of Hare Street and then continuing along the southern side of the Casino - Corakai Rd running up to the Tatham Ellengowan Rd and then following the existing Clarence electorate boundary north of the Richmond River.

Refer to attached map of Lismore electorate with adjusted southern boundary highlighted in red.