Details of your suggestion

Please provide additional information and supporting documentation as attachments.

Wollondilly Shire Council recognises the underlying principles of the redistribution of electoral boundaries as required by the Constitution Act 1902 and its objectives for an equalisation of the number of voters in each electoral district.

Council welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the NSW Electoral Districts Panel (the Panel) in deciding how our district and the communities that live within them are considered and thanks the Panel for the chance to provide a submission on the redistribution of boundaries.
To achieve the shared process Council moved the following resolution at its Ordinary Meeting held on 16 June 2020:

Council put a detailed submission to the NSW Electoral Districts Panel that:

1. Requests that the Wollondilly Local Government Area be fully within a single state electorate at any redistribution of electoral districts

2. Puts forward options on how that could be achieved within the required quotas given the need to vary some neighbouring electorate boundaries

3. Requests that if the review does not support having the Wollondilly Local Government Area within a single state electorate that it is split into no more than two electorates with a significant portion of the Shire represented in each electorate.

This submission to the Panel is based upon the practical representation of the Wollondilly Community itself. Council believes in the best interests of residents, and believes the Shires Towns and Villages are better served by being located in one Seat.

The characteristics of the Wollondilly electorate are unique to its neighbouring local government areas. A separation due to boundary redistribution may mean representation at a State level which is at odds with our communities aspirations of combining a rural lifestyle with opportunities for growth.

When reviewing boundaries the Panel is requested to consider the view formed by Councillors some of whom have experienced the issues of representation when the Shire was not located in one Seat.

Real life issues previously faced by the Wollondilly electorate can be attributed to disproportionate representation at a State level where the communities represented by the Members have different objectives.

For further information visit elections.nsw.gov.au/redistribution

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