Details of your comment

Please provide additional information and supporting documentation as attachments.

I would like to make a submission that slightly impacts the extant Electoral Districts of Barwon, Northern Tablelands, Murray, Upper Hunter and Tamworth however my submission suggestions mainly impact the Electoral District of Tamworth.

I recommend the following:

1. Excise Gunnedah Shire LGA from Tamworth and add to Barwon since their community of interest is aligned with the adjoining town of Narrabri Shire and similarities with Narrabri with a combination of farming and mining enterprises. Gunnedah Shire LGA is in the Federal Division of Parkes not New England. Gunnedah shire has often been associated with Castlereagh and Upper Hunter electorates in the past not Tamworth.

2. Excise Walcha Shire LGA from Tamworth and add to Northern Tablelands as their geographical community of interest is mostly Armidale and the Northern Tablelands and they have been in that electorate every other redistribution.

3. Excise Liverpool Plains LGA from Upper Hunter and add to Tamworth as Quirindi, Premer and Spring Ridge, Willow Tree share a community of interest with Tamworth rather than Murrurundi, Scone and Muswellbrook. Quirindi is in the Federal Division of New England. Parts of Liverpool Plains Shire (Werris Creek and Currabubula) are already in Tamworth.

4. There has been numerous rural seat losses west of the Great Dividing Range - Burrinjuck, Castlereagh, Lachlan, Murumbidgee etc. The submission by the NSW Nationals (NSWR200701/35) to abolish the district of Murray is politically vindictive and does not consider the welfare of the people of that district that are ably represented by their current MP. Murray was created largely from the demise of the historic federation district of Murrumbidgee and included most of the MIA. Murray must be retained. Excise Narrandera Shire LGA from Cootamundra and add to Murray. Excise Yass Shire LGA from Goulburn and add to Cootamundra retaining both rural seats.

The challenge of future governments is to maintain and protect the political representation of rural people, to keep rural areas sustainable and equipped with the tools to thrive beyond drought, fires, corona and economic recession.