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Submission- Review of NSW Electoral Districts- Cootamundra
I am a ratepayer of Narrandera Shire Council
I submit the following suggestions for the above electorate-
Currently the Cootamundra electorate has likeminded Local Government Areas (LGA), eleven in total. Carving up the electorate is not taking a holistic approach to this issue. Communities with the same or similar interests should remain together.
For example, the Murray electorate is concentrated on irrigation and water issues, whilst this is important, it is not the main focus of other LGA's, for example, Narrandera Shire Council only has 2% of its area identified as irrigation properties within its LGA, Narrandera Shire LGA is almost all dry land farming, like other current communities within the Cootamundra electorate and water issues are not its top priority.
Metropolitan councils could rearrange their boundaries to accommodate the ratios, why is it that rural/regional people have the impost of getting shuffled into new electorates that ultimately make the electorate that large that it is almost unworkable?
Maybe it is time to look at the distribution differently and work out a new algorithm for rural and regional areas where the electorate get smaller, not larger, therefore residents can have reasonable access to their local member who may have a manageable electorate of a size that is workable for the best possible outcome of its citizens.

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