## Details of your comment

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Comments by Tomaree Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc. (TRRA)

Tomaree Ratepayers and Residents Association urges the Panel to reject the proposal from the Liberal Party to change the boundaries of the Port Stephens electorate. They propose a transfer of the Tilligerry and Tomaree peninsulas, housing more than 25,000 voters, to the Upper Hunter electorate (to be renamed Gloucester), and the merger of the rest of the Port Stephens electorate with parts of Maitland to form a new electorate named Raymond Terrace.

TRRA notes the factors to be considered in redistributions include "Demographic trends, community interests (economic, social and regional) means of communication and travel physical features and area, mountains and other natural boundaries and the existing district boundaries".

The Liberal Party proposal is completely at odds with these criteria and can not be justified having regard for these factors.

The Tilligerry and Tomaree peninsulas are separated from the upper Hunter/ Gloucester electorate by the Port Stephens estuary and mountainous land .

Residents of the peninsulas look to Raymond Terrace, Maitland and Newcastle as their main centres and in many cases their places of work or education. There is very little interaction or affinity with even the Dungog and Gloucester areas of the current Upper Hunter electorate.

The proposal would abandon the largely coincident boundaries of the Port Stephens electorate and the Port Stephens Local Government area which has many practical benefits.

There are no statistical electorate balancing arguments in favour of this proposal and it should be rejected.