Details of your suggestion

Please provide additional information and supporting documentation as attachments.

I am requesting that consideration be given to transferring Hillside Crescent, Epping from the electorate of Ryde to Epping.
Following the last state election, I sent the following email to the NSW Electoral Commissioner in March 2019:
"On Saturday, I went to vote at my nearest polling station which is in Bridge Street, Epping, 850 metres from my home. This is where I have voted in both State and Federal elections since moving to Epping in 1991.
I asked to vote for the Ryde electorate, in which I am enrolled, and was told I would need to vote absentee. At the last State election, this polling station catered for both the Epping and Ryde electorates. I was stunned, to say the least, to be told that at 850 metres from home, I was in fact "absentee".
On leaving the polling station, I was asked by someone from a newspaper, what were the main issues relating to how I voted, such as "over-development". My reply was that over-development was definitely one of the main issues in the area, however as I was not enrolled in Epping, my vote would relate to issues in the Ryde area, miles from where I live.
Across the street from me is a reasonably large reserve "The Edna Hunt Sanctuary", which forms a natural barrier between the suburbs of Epping and Eastwood.
When setting electoral boundaries, I fully appreciate there has to be a line drawn somewhere, however surely a little common sense should prevail in that the boundaries reflect a person's ability to vote in an electorate reasonably close to where they live and which has the most impact on their life, i.e. development, schools, traffic.
It would be most appreciated if these comments could be taken into account when electoral boundaries are next reviewed."
I understand that the following are taken into consideration when setting electoral boundaries:
• Economic, social and regional communities of interest;
• Means of communication and travel;
• Physical features and area of the electoral district;
• Natural boundaries (like mountains or rivers)
All the above reasons are applicable to my request that Hillside Crescent be transferred to the Epping electorate from the Ryde electorate.

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