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The Secretariat of the Electoral Districts Redistribution Panel
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Comments on suggestions to NSW Electoral Redistribution

The Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party (SFF) thank the Electoral Districts Redistribution Panel for the opportunity to provide comments to suggestions to changes to the electoral boundaries of NSW.

Whilst our silence is not to be interrupted as acquiescence, the SFF have chosen not to comment on each and every suggestion. We trust the Electoral Districts Redistribution Panel's execution of its duty to balance and give effect to suggestions with regard to the guiding principles and factors during this process:

- economic, social and regional communities of interest
- means of communication and travel
- physical features and area of the electoral district
- natural boundaries (such as mountains or rivers)
- the boundaries of existing electoral districts.

The only suggestion the SFF seek to address specifically is one in which its absurdity and incongruity warrants a comment.

The NSW Nationals suggestion to effectively abolish the district of Murray and repurpose this district into the similar previous 'Murray-Darling' boundaries, is not just a step back in time but defies legislative and arithmetical logic. Is the NSW National Party suggesting the same arguments relied upon to transfer the previous Murray-Darling into the current Murray district are meant to work in reverse in completely different contexts and circumstances?

The SFF fear this is a political statement disguised as a legitimate suggestion to an otherwise reputable process. Therefore, it should not be given much weight, if any at all.

The SFF maintain the electoral boundaries of Barwon and Murray should largely remain unchanged save for its suggestions previously submitted.