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NEW SOUTH WALES ELECTORAL DISTRICTS COMMISSIONERS

Electoral Distribution in New South Wales

Public Suggestions and Comments

BY virtue of the provisions of section 27 (1) (c) of the *Constitution Act 1902* a distribution of electoral districts is now required. The Electoral Districts Commissioners have been appointed by the Governor and directed to distribute New South Wales into electoral districts in accordance with the *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912*.

The Commissioners now invite written suggestions relating to the distribution of New South Wales into electoral districts, and any comments on such suggestions.

Suggestions, e.g., boundaries and names, must be lodged with the Commissioners within 30 days after the date of this advertisement (i.e. 6 March 2013). Any suggestions lodged with the Commissioners will thereafter be made available for perusal on the Redistribution website www.redistribution.nsw.gov.au and at the Office of the Commissioners.

Comments relating to any suggestions received must be lodged with the Commissioners within 14 days after the expiration of the above period of 30 days (i.e. 20 March 2013). After the expiration of the above periods, all suggestions and comments lodged will be available for perusal on the Redistribution website www.redistribution.nsw.gov.au and at the Office of the Commissioners.

The Commissioners will consider all suggestions and comments lodged with them by the due date before determining the names and boundaries of the proposed electoral districts.

It would assist the Commissioners if persons or organisations proposing to make suggestions in the form of maps could do so on index maps which are available from the Office of the Commissioners. Enrolment statistics are also available from the Office.

Interested people should visit the Redistribution website for full details about the submission process.

All suggestions must be made in writing and submitted to Electoral Districts Commissioners:

Via the Redistribution website: www.redistribution.nsw.gov.au – Deadline, 12 midnight Wednesday, 6 March 2013;

Via Fax: (02) 9290 5949 – Deadline, 12 midnight Wednesday, 6 March 2013;

In person: New South Wales Electoral Commission, Level 25, 201 Kent Street Sydney NSW – Deadline, 5pm Wednesday, 6 March 2013; or

Via post: GPO Box 832, Sydney NSW 2001 – Deadline, 12 midnight Wednesday, 6 March 2013.

Note: Section 17 A of the *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912*, requires the Commissioners to comply with section 28 of the *Constitution Act 1902*, and:

- A. have regard to demographic trends within the State and, as far as practicable, endeavour to ensure on the basis of those trends that, at the relevant future time (13 April 2015), the number of electors enrolled in each electoral district will be equal (within a margin of allowance of 10 per cent more or less of the average enrolment in electoral districts at that future time); and
- B. subject to paragraph A, give due consideration, in relation to each electoral district, to:
 - (i) community of interests within the electoral district, including economic, social and regional interests;
 - (ii) means of communication and travel within the electoral district;
 - (iii) physical features and area of the electoral district;
 - (iv) mountains and other natural boundaries; and
 - (v) boundaries of the existing electoral districts.

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