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Objection 674

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Objection to Eden Monaro / Hume Boundary Realignment.

1/ I recognize the need , as far as practicable , for parity between electorates.

2/ However consideration must entail more than redrawing a line on a map.

3/ It should among other issues ;

a) Take account of local geographical proximity and therefore the varying internal needs of the electorate.

b) The histories and cultures within the area.

c) The interactions within the revised electoral community.

4/ I consider the present proposal fails, minimally ,on a number of issues;

a) The northern portion (to be excised from Hume) of the proposed Eden-Monaro electorate does not relate physically or demographically to the existing electorate. This northern portion , principally in the Goulburn Mulwaree L.G.A. has its own individual identity that relates to adjoining L.G.A. s. Its needs and ambitions are vastly different from e.g. Bega Valley. It operates in close liaison with Sydney/Canberra.

b) Again the history of the northern portion finds its background and indeed its lifestyle, whether commercial, social or cultural, to be quite unrelated to the existing southern electorate. That doesn't mean we are strangers, rather the two areas do not have a particular commomality at a local level.

5) In my view for an electorate to be adequately represented , including federally, it needs to have a common identity involving common interests and as they arise, needs. I consider the proposal fails to satisfy that criterion. Otherwise we have a representation seeking to satisfy quite conflicting and disparate demands.

6) Similarly, in my view, the Goulburn Mulwaree area has a far greater connection with and relevance to areas such as Upper Lachlan L.G.A. and Yass.

Ultimately my objection, despite the history of Hume, is that the interests of the Goulburn Mulwaree L.G.A. are being compromised by its being included in the proposed redefinition of Eden Monaro and that the northern portion is being disenfranchised.

Yours Faithfully,
Campbell Wallis.