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**NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT
ELECTORAL DISTRICTS
COMMISSION**

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 district is now required to be made. 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.

Suggestions, eg., of boundaries and names, should be lodged with the Commissioners at their office within 30 days after the date of publication of this advertisement. Any suggestions lodged with the Commissioners will thereafter be made available for perusal at their office. Comments relating to any suggestions received may be lodged with the Commissioners within 14 days after the expiration of the above period of 30 days. After the expiration of the above periods, all suggestions and comments lodged will be available for perusal at the office of the Commissioners.

The Commissioners will consider all suggestions and comments lodged with them before determining the name and boundaries of 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.

Note: Section 17A 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, the number of electors enrolled in each electoral district will be equal (within a margin of allowance of 3 percent 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) the physical features and area of the electoral district;
 - (iv) mountain and other natural boundaries; and
 - (v) the boundaries of the existing electoral districts.

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