

Details of your suggestion

Please provide additional information and supporting documentation as attachments.

Council strongly requests to remain entirely within the Albury Electorate.

Council especially since merger, has been even more closely aligned with Albury than Wagga for example. In the former Urana Shire, there was a fair amount of State Government services and connections to Wagga, but as an example, Council is now in RAMJO (Joint Organisation with Albury City Council as its largest member Council) and not REROC (Wagga). The Rural Fire Service, Regional Development Australia Murray (Federal), and many other areas, are more aligned to Albury than Wagga or even Griffith (Murray electorate).

It was only in around 2014 that the entire former Urana Shire area, along with the former Jerilderie Shire area, were moved into the Albury electorate and with the merger in 2016, the entire Federation Council area has been very well supported by the NSW Government, both by the former member, Mr Greg Aplin, and our current member, Mr Justin Clancy MP.

Federation Council, again with the strong support of its communities and the State Government, considers it has made the merger a true success story. Council considers it would be very confusing, disappointing and would greatly weaken Councils ability to lobby on behalf of its residents, were it to be divided into two or more electorates.