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COMMENT ON SUGGESTION BY R SOUTH MINGOOLA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

I agree that the western part of the Lismore electorate (Outside the township of Tenterfield) does no longer have much in common with the eastern parts of the electorate in terms of economic, social and regional community of interest.

However with changing demographic trends in the last twenty five years I do consider that the township of Tenterfield has a greater connection with the city of Lismore and the villages located along the Bruxner Highway to the east such as Drake, Tabulam, Malangenee and Mummulgum. This is supported by the following:

(1) The marked increase in commercial and tourist traffic (grey nomads) on the Bruxner Highway between Lismore and Tenterfield in last two decades. This commercial traffic services not only Tenterfield by way of goods and services but also the villages along the Bruxner Highway. A large number of caravans, camper trailers and recreational vehicles come through from the coast and vice versa. These tourist number are increasing every year and there are plans for a heavy vehicle bypass to be constructed on the western side of Tenterfield to cater for the increase in this commercial and tourist traffic.

(2) Northern Rivers Buslines run the three services a week from Lismore to Tenterfield. This service also caters for the for residents living in the villages along the Bruxner Highway.

(3) Many residents of Tenterfield and the villages use the Bruxner Highway to the east to access medical services at Lismore Base Hospital and St Vincents Private Hospital and across the border in QLD at hospitals such as the Gold Coast University Hospital and John Flynn Private Hospital. Tenterfield Hospital has not had a maternity ward for a number of years and expectant mothers are forced to travel to Lismore or across the QLD border to Stanthorpe to give birth.

(4) Because of lack of medical specialists and ancillary services at the Prince Albert Memorial Hospital in Tenterfield many residents have recently called for the hospital to come under the Northern Local Health District based on the coast . Presently Tenterfield comes under the Hunter New England Local Health District which is based in Newcastle some 521kms by road from Tenterfield. This is a trip of over 6 hours if a patient requiring major surgery is having to be transferred to John Hunter Hospital.

(4) In last twenty five years a increasing number of Lismore and other coastal residents who have retired have made Tenterfield their home. Many of these new residents still have strong family links to coastal centres such as Lismore and Ballina and frequently travel to the coast.

Mingoola now appears to have more in common with the towns and villages to the west such as Bonshaw (49 Kms) and to the town of Texas across the border in QLD some 66.9 Kms away. Given this I would suggest that solution may be to change the present western electoral boundary between Lismore and Northern Tablelands by creating the new boundary along the eastern side of Mole River Road which would travel south to Bruxner Way and then move west to link up with eastern side of the Mole River. The boundary would then run south east along the Mole River to the New England Highway and then run on the western side of the highway to the village of Deepwater. (Refer to the attached map)

This change should meet a number of concerns of those residents to the far west of Tentefield especially those who feel isolated from currently being in the Lismore electorate.

Thanking you to allow me to make these comments.

Marney



STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES
MAP OF THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF
LISMORE

as determined by the Electoral Boundaries Commission
pursuant to the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912
Consultation Act 1997
September 2013



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**ADJUSTED
WESTERN
BOUNDARY
FOR LISMORE**

2013 Redistribution Electoral District
names and boundaries
(Effective from the State General Election March 2015)

KAMA

Local Government Area
names and boundaries
(as at 1 June 2014)

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