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Re: Comment on Suggestion made by The Liberal Party of Australia, NSW Division

Cowra Shire is best served within the current Cootamundra electorate and the community would be concerned with any move to another electorate.

Council and the community enjoy strong relationships with the other Local Governments who share the Cootamundra electorate boundary, and we have a strong working relationship with the local Member for Cootamundra. There are many communities of interests within the current electorate that enable continuity moving forward irrespective of individual members of Government. Further, and of significant note, is that the Cowra Shire has been moved into various electorates (state and federal) over recent times and that has placed the community at great disadvantage with engaging successfully with our local members. More importantly, the community suffers the loss of the strategic and planning work previously undertaken.

Cowra sits within the Central NSW Joint Organisation, and health, police, RFS, education, LLS, Department of Premier & Cabinet and TfNSW fit within the JO region and are therefore our communities of interest.

A suggestion to move Cowra to the Goulburn electorate is strongly opposed. Not only are there very little communities of interest but there is no practical access. Lines on maps do not give any indication as to the realities of our geographical connections. Goulburn, as the main town centre within that electorate, is over two hours drive from Cowra, making it difficult to connect and foster successful working relationships with potential local members.

I reiterate that Council opposes the suggestion that the Cowra LGA be arbitrarily moved from the Cootamundra electorate into the Goulburn electorate.

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