

## Details of your comment

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Formed in 1957, Camden Historical Society is instrumental in keeping history alive in the Camden district and is responsible for the preservation and display of this heritage through the Camden Museum.

We note several submissions discuss abolition or alterations to the boundaries of Camden Electorate.

The Camden community traces its roots back to the Camden Park Estate founded by the Macarthur Family in 1805. John and William Macarthur established the township of Camden in the 1840s. The centre of the Camden is designated a heritage conservation area and contains places listed on the NSW State Heritage Register and one place on the Commonwealth Heritage List.

Several submissions suggest the separation of the township of Camden from Camden Park (including the suburb of Bridgewater) we suggest such a change divides the community from their cultural heritage. The alternative is to retain the link between Camden and Camden Park by keeping these areas in the same electorate.

Much of the rapid growth in the Camden electorate is to the north of the Nepean River. The Nepean River is a real physical boundary with limited crossing points. A lot of the social and cultural structures of the older parts of the Camden electorate stem from the historic Camden Park Estate boundaries with their alignment with the Nepean River.

Historically, the Camden township served as a service centre for the areas to the south and west of the river. We suggest these areas still retain some degree of social and cultural focus and affinity with the old town of Camden. Some of the submissions do not recognise the relationship some do.

We suggest the Camden township and Camden Park (including the suburb of Bridgewater) have a more robust social and cultural affiliation with the more rural areas to the west and south of the Nepean River than the growth areas to the north.

Should you choose to change the electorate boundaries, we ask for recognition of the real physical barrier created by the Nepean River and the affinity of the older parts of the existing electorate with the areas outside the growth areas.