



Ordinary Meeting

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BUSINESS PAPER

**Tuesday, 10 November 2015 at
7:00 pm**

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**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
TO BE HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1 BENEREMBAH STREET, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 ON
TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7:00 PM**

MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Griffith City Council Chambers, 1 Benerembah Street, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 on **Tuesday, 10 November 2015**.

Persons in the gallery are advised that the proceedings of the meeting will be recorded for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy of the Minutes. However, under the Local Government Act 1993, no other recording is permitted without the authority of the Council or Committee. Recording includes a video camera and any electronic device capable of recording speech.

Members of the public may address Council in relation to the items listed in this Agenda by contacting Council on (02) 6962 8100 by 12.00 pm on the day of the meeting.

Mayoral Minutes

MM01 p3 Proposed Redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Divisions

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GENERAL MANAGER

CLAUSE	MM01
TITLE	Proposed Redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Divisions
FROM	John Dal Broi, Councillor
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SUMMARY

The Australian Electoral Commission has published its “Proposed Redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Divisions” Report. The Report provides the Electoral Committee’s proposed redistribution into 47 electoral divisions. The Report proposes that the number of members for the House of Representatives to be chosen for New South Wales at the next general election be altered from 48 to 47. Of relevance to Griffith City Council is the proposal by the Committee to change the boundaries of the electoral divisions of Riverina and Farrer which impacts on the vast majority of electors within the Griffith City Council Local Government Area.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) Council lodge an objection with the Australian Electoral Commission with respect to the proposed boundary changes to the electoral divisions of Riverina and Farrer.**
- (b) The objection seek to have the current boundary of Riverina remain unchanged thus preserving existing community identity with that electoral division.**

REPORT

Councillors can access the full report via the link below and Councillors attention is referred to page 44.

<http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2014/nsw/proposed-report/files/proposed-report.pdf>

Clause 212 states:

“Projected enrolment in the existing Division of Farrer is 97,030. This electoral division must gain at least 9,643 electors, or up to 17,381 electors from other electoral divisions to fall within the acceptable numerical tolerances.”

Clause 213 states:

“The Committee proposes that the Division of Farrer gain 30,481 electors from the Division of Riverina in the LGA’s of Griffith, Leeton, Murrumbidgee and Narrandera and that part of Carrathool LGA generally south of the Mid Western Highway.”

Residents of Griffith City Local Government Area have long been associated with the Electoral Division of Riverina and it is proposed that Griffith City Council object to the change of electoral boundaries which is only occurring in order to satisfy a numerical number of electors in the adjoining seat of Farrer.

Written objections must be lodged with the Electoral Commissioner by Friday 13 November 2015.

OPTIONS

- (a) Council lodge an objection as recommended.
- (b) Council note this Mayoral Minute and take no action.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

LEGAL/STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

The Australian Electoral Commission/Committee Report has been prepared pursuant to the provisions of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

The electors of Griffith have long been associated with the Electoral Division of Riverina.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item C2 - Be well informed about current issues that impact our community.

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Proposed Division of Farrer - page 44 of 'Proposed Redistribution of New South Wales into electoral divisions' 5

210. The Committee believes the proposed Division of Eden-Monaro provides strong and easily recognisable boundaries.

Proposed Division of Farrer

211. The proposed Division of Farrer shares boundaries with the proposed Divisions of Parkes, Riverina and Eden-Monaro – [Figure T](#) refers.

Figure T: Proposed Division of Farrer



Boundary description: Comprises the LGAs of Wentworth, Balranald, Hay, Griffith, Murrumbidgee, Leeton, Narrandera, Jerilderie, Urana, Lockhart, Greater Hume, Albury, Corowa, Berrigan, Conargo, Deniliquin, Murray and Wakool, and part of Carrathool LGA along the Mid Western Highway except around the localities of Rankins Springs and Goolgowi where the boundary follows local roads south of the towns.

212. Projected enrolment in the existing Division of Farrer is 97 030. This electoral division must gain at least 9 643 electors, or up to 17 381 electors, from other electoral divisions to fall within the acceptable numerical tolerances.
213. The Committee proposes that the Division of Farrer gain 30 481 electors from the Division of Riverina in the LGAs of Griffith, Leeton, Murrumbidgee and Narrandera and that part of Carrathool LGA generally south of the Mid Western Highway.
214. The Committee proposes that the Division of Farrer transfer 14 737 electors to the proposed Division of Parkes in the LGAs of Broken Hill, Central Darling and Unincorporated NSW, and three electors to the proposed Division of Riverina in the Fargunyah area.
215. The changes result in a projected enrolment for the proposed Division of Farrer of 112 771 or a variation from the projected enrolment quota of plus 2.02 per cent.
216. The transfer of Unincorporated NSW, Broken Hill and Central Darling LGAs to the proposed Division of Parkes requires the Committee to rebuild the proposed Division of Farrer to meet the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act.