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To whom it may concern

Regarding the proposed changes to the Federal Electoral
Boundaries for the Lyne and Cowper electorates:

The primary point that we wish to make, on behalf of the residents we represent, is that splitting the existing business and social hub of the **Port Macquarie-Camden Haven-Wauchope** complex and lumping each 'half' in with quite disparate and distant hubs to the north (Coffs Harbour for Cowper) and south (Port Stevens area for Lyne) makes no sense at the local level.

The towns and villages within this complex are within a 30km radius. Putting a boundary through the middle of this network defies logic. Combining them with dissimilar centres 200km away makes no more sense.

We appreciate the degree of difficulty in going through this 'numbers balancing' exercise but surely the end that needs to be front of mind is to *ensure that the interests of communities are best served via the structure of Federal representation.* This will not be the case with the proposed boundary changes to Lyne and Cowper.

While there are suggestions from some in the media that the proposed boundary changes are 'a done-deal', we have more faith in the processes put in place by the Australian Electoral Commission, and that reasonable arguments will be considered in good faith.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Hafey".

Phil Hafey
Secretary