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## **Last chance to protest boundaries – Andren**

People in the Calare electorate have until close of business tomorrow (Friday 28 July) to submit an objection to the proposed new federal electoral boundaries, according to Member for Calare Peter Andren.

“I have had well over a hundred people visit my Bathurst office in the past two weeks to protest over plans to place Bathurst Lithgow and Oberon in the Blue Mountains-based seat of Macquarie” Mr Andren said.

“As well as personal representations I have handed out another hundred and fifty pro-forma letters for people to send to the Electoral Commission detailing the major problems with the proposed boundaries.

“Everywhere I have been in the electorate people have been asking what they can do to oppose the changes.

“They can contact my office or send their objection directly to the Australian Electoral Commission on [nsw.boundaries@aec.gov.au](mailto:nsw.boundaries@aec.gov.au) .They must include their postal address with any submission.

“I am pleased to see Cabonne Shire Council is strongly objecting to the suggested boundaries, which have eliminated the country seat of Gwydir, placed Broken Hill and Albury in one seat, divided Calare in two and forced its eastern portion into the metropolitan electorate of Macquarie based on Katoomba.

“The Electoral Commission must hold an inquiry in country NSW into its proposed boundaries and listen to the growing groundswell of protest from rural communities. If the AEC listens, it must amend these illogical proposals.

“This is not about Peter Andren’s electoral fortunes or a current National Party seat being abolished. It is about proper representation for country people, logical communities of interest and sensible electorate boundaries” Mr Andren said.

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