



CHANSEY
PAECH MLA

SHOP 6 ANANGU HOUSE
44 BATH ST | PO BOX 4592
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0870

P: 8951 5563 F: 8953 0211
ELECTORATE.NAMATJIRA@NT.GOV.AU

NTEC Redistribution Committee
GPO Box 2419
Darwin
NT 0801

15th April 2019

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to you in order to provide comment on the Country Liberals' submission to the 2019 Northern Territory Electoral Boundary Redistribution.

I have several concerns regarding the aspects of their submission that impact the Stuart and Namatjira electorates, particularly as they seem to completely ignore the realities that face bush electorates.

Firstly, the proposed changes to Stuart would create an electorate that is vastly too large in size, leaving the area unworkable for an elected member.

Meanwhile, incorporating the suggested urban areas into Namatjira would create an electorate whose constituents have massively opposing needs. Having urban suburbs, rural areas and remote communities with competing demands within the same division would just work to further disadvantage constituents living in the bush.

I would also like to raise that the CLP proposal works to isolate the communities of Titjikala and Finke (Aputula) from other Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara language speaking communities, completely ignoring the need to group communities of interest.

I believe that it is highly important that the redistribution of Central Australia is treated with care, ensuring that constituents in the bush have access to adequate representation. In my opinion, the Country Liberals' submission actively works against this.

If you wish to discuss any of these points further, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely,

Chansey Paech
Member for Namatjira