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Submission: Wingecarribee Shire represents a reasonably unique social and geographic zone within easy, and yet separable, distance from the Sydney conurbation. Whilst it is still processing ways to improve its economic environment, and activity levels, the distinct four seasons climate, strong viticultural and agricultural background and the advantages that these alone bring to the area make it a viable and identifiable region.

It should continue to attract strong population flows, as much from persons escaping city congestion, to those who are attracted to lifestyle advantages, while still having easy access to the city.

I have resided in the area for over 27 years, while carrying out the majority of my working career within 1km. of Wynyard Station, and can vouch for the family friendly, and healthy lifestyle, which acts to attract positive attitudes to the Highlands.

There are more than sufficient adequately trained individuals to lead, and guide the development of the region, and so Wingecarribee Shire represents a more than adequate self-controlled zone which has both financial capacity, and electorate goodwill, to operate as an independent unit for the foreseeable future.