

## **Electoral Boundaries Commission**

### **Bill # 94**

Proposed changes to the electoral boundaries for Shelburne County are not justified nor would they be good for Shelburne County or the province of N.S. If the population for electoral changes is suppose to be 25% above or below the provincial level, I do not think this is the problem in Shelburne County. To change the boundaries of Shelburne County using the Clyde River as the boundary between the two new electoral districts, this will silence the electoral vote on either side forever. The people of Shelburne County will simply stop voting because they will take this as another sign that their vote does not count.

At this time of economic hardship we the citizens of Shelburne County need a strong voice in the Legislative Assembly because of different economic interests than the other two counties involved. Shelburne County needs a voice in the Legislature that fit's the needs of Shelburne County because of it's differences and it's uniqueness. I think that the salary of one more MLA will far out way the cost and effects of dividing the county.

If the meetings were held in a large enough building I am sure that more people would attend the meetings to voice their objection to the split of Shelburne County. The choice of building and location was not wisely chosen to accommodate the citizens of Shelburne County. The hours for the hearings were not for the working population, only two hours in the evening and the rest of time during working hours so that the working population would lose pay to give a submission which they perceived as a foregone conclusion.

As a concerned citizen of Shelburne County and the province of Nova Scotia I hope that you listen to the voice of the people and make the right decision and allow the voice of Shelburne County to be heard in the future through their own MLA.

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