



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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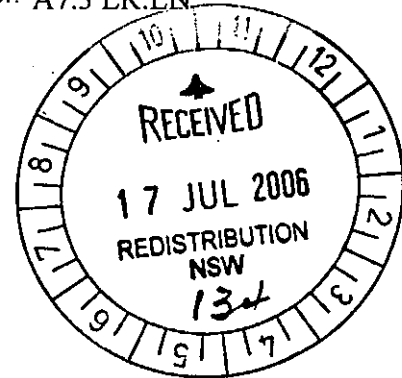
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14 July 2006

Redistribution Committee for NSW
PO Box 20014
WORLD SQUARE NSW 2002

Dear Sir/Madam,



Proposed NSW Federal Electoral Distribution

Oberon Council considered the Federal Electoral Distribution at its meeting of 11 July 2006. It was unanimously resolved to oppose the distribution on the following grounds;

- Splitting the current Calare electorate results in the Oberon, Lithgow and part of Bathurst joining the Macquarie (Blue Mountains) area without any community of interest.
- The Macquarie area is an outer Sydney electorate whilst the eastern portion of Calare is a rural/regional area.
- The "sandstone curtain" (Blue Mountains escarpment) has long been held as the division between the outer Sydney area and the rural area.
- The proposed new boundary splits local government areas between federal electorates.

Council respectfully requests that consideration be given to a further review of the proposed electoral boundaries.

Yours faithfully,

Bruce Fitzpatrick
GENERAL MANAGER