

OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
NSW



Objection Number 112

by

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Dear Sir

Redistribution Objection

I write on behalf of Wingecarribee Shire Council regarding the proposed redistribution of Federal electorates in New South Wales.

The Council considered the implications of the proposal at its meeting on 26 August 2009 and resolved as follows:

THAT Council make representations to the Australian Electoral Commission objecting to the redistribution of the Southern Highlands into the Electorate of Throsby AND THAT the villages of the Wingecarribee Shire be included in any redistribution.

The Electoral Commission proposal recommends that the villages within our Shire of Colo Vale, Hill Top, Yerrinbool, Penrose and Wingello stay in Hume, with the remainder of Wingecarribee Shire becoming part of the electorate of Throsby.

The feeling of Councillors at the meeting indicated no specific concerns about being aligned with Hume or Throsby or even Gilmour, but there was a strong preference to include our entire local government area within the same Federal seat.

If it would be possible to redistribute the numbers in an adjoining electorate to compensate for the inclusion of all of Wingecarribee Shire into one electorate, we feel that the interests of our local community would be better represented federally.

I thank you for considering this objection and look forward to receiving favourable consideration of our request.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Gair
Mayor