

OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
NSW



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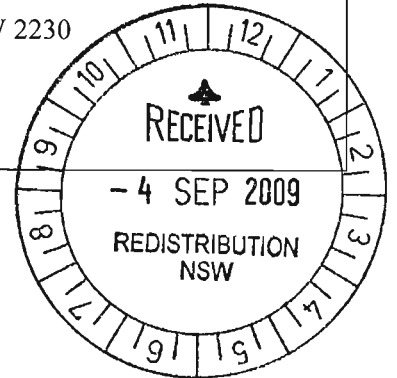
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Redistribution Committee for NSW
Haymarket NSW 2000

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing as President of the Bundeena Maianbar Chamber of Commerce on behalf of our members and the wider community to strongly object to the AEC proposal to move Bundeena Maianbar from the electorate of Cook to the electorate of Cunningham.

Bundeena Maianbar has a number of close links with electorate of Cook. These close links include:

1. Geographical Proximity

Bundeena Maianbar is geographically located less than 1km from the suburbs located in Cook. In contrast the nearest town in Cunningham, Otford, is located over 30km away from Bundeena Maianbar through the winding roads of the Royal National Park. An MP for Cunningham is likely to have an office based in Wollongong which is located over 75km from Bundeena Maianbar. As a result residents Bundeena Maianbar would have to travel 150km round trip to visit their MP in person.

2. Local Council

Bundeena Maianbar along with the other suburbs in Cook are all contained within the Sutherland Shire Council. Having a local MP who can liaise and is familiar with the local council will benefit Bundeena Maianbar than if their MP is located in the distant metropolitan centre of Wollongong.

3. Education

There is no local high school in Bundeena Maianbar resulting in residents sending their kids to the high schools located in the nearby suburbs located in Cook.

4. Transportation

A ferry service which has been running for over 80 years connects Bundeena Maianbar with the suburb of Cronulla which is located in Cook.

5. Postal Services

The local post office in Bundeena is serviced by the main postal distribution centre in Taren Point which is located in Cook.

6. Telephone Services

Bundeena Maianbar share's the same local telephone exchange as Cook with calls between the being charged as a local call. Calls to a MP based in Cunningham would be charged at long distance rates which would disadvantage some members of the Bundeena Maianbar community as well as increasing expenses for local businesses based here.

7. Commerce

There is a limited number of shops in Bundeena Maianbar resulting in local residents and business performing their shopping in the nearby suburbs of Cook.

8. Employment

The majority of residents of Bundeena Maianbar work outside of the town with the significant majority travelling to or through the electorate of Cook.

9. Sporting Associations

Bundeena Maianbar has a number of sporting associations which are encompassed by Cook and the Sutherland Shire. Among them are the Bundeena Maianbar Soccer Club which is a member of the Sutherland Shire Football Association as well the Sutherland Shire Junior Water Polo Association which a number of local residents participate in.

Given the geographic, council, social, infrastructure and economic links Bundeena Maianbar shares with the electorate of Cook the communities of Bundeena Maianbar would be better served if they were to remain in Cook.

Sincerely,

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