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The Federal Redistribution 2009
NSW



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Destruction of Federal Electoral
Boundaries NSW.

Sir,

I wish to make some observations
in relation to the proposed redistribution of
Federal electoral boundaries in NSW.

Currently NSW has 49 divisions, 34 of
which are regarded metropolitan and 15 regional.

The 34 metropolitan divisions cover 11,046
sq kilometres or 324.88 sq kilometres average
per electorate and regional divisions serviced
by 15 members cover 790,330 sq kilometres
or 52688.6 kilometres each or about 162 times
the average size of a metropolitan division.

If the redistribution removes a regional
seat thus reducing the members to 14 the
average size will increase to 56452 sq kms
or 172 sq kms.

However if one division is removed
from the metropolitan area it will increase
the size of divisions on average from 324.88 sq
kms to 334.72 or 9.84 sq kms.

The size of divisions from East to
West is about a 3/4 hour drive and

from North to South about a 3 hour drive. Some other divisions are larger still which makes access to Federal members and indeed their ability to attend various functions in their electorates a very time consuming and tiring job just from travel alone.

On the other hand if the proposed redistribution considered a metropolitan division, the average size would increase by 9.84 sq km from 324.88 to 334.72 sq km.

There are a number of Metropolitan divisions under 100 sq km, 16 to be exact - 7 are under 50 square km.

In order to be reasonable, may I humbly suggest that consideration be given to the committee considering that a Metropolitan division, or divisions boundaries be adjusted to achieve the result.

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