

# **PUBLIC SUGGESTION**

The Federal Redistribution 2009  
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**by**

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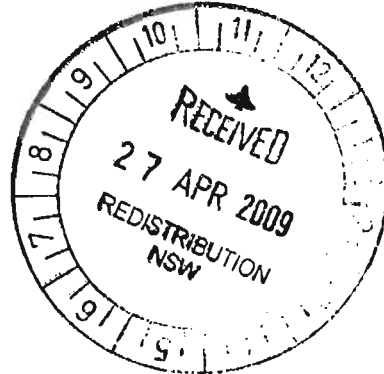
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Redistribution Committee,  
Australian Electoral Commission,  
P. O. Box K 406,  
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Dear Sirs,

### **CHANGE TO ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES – BATEMANS BAY**

I have lived in Australia now for nearly 50 years and during that time Batemans Bay has always been included in the Federal Electorate of Eden – Monaro up until just prior to the last Federal election. At that time it seems that the Federal Coalition Government decided to move Batemans Bay into the Federal Electorate of Gilmore, presumably to try and help Gary Nairn retain the seat of Eden – Monaro for the Coalition. It did not work !!

The idea of having Batemans Bay and its surrounding suburbs in the Federal Electorate of Gilmore whilst all of the remaining parts of Eurobodalla Shire are in the electorate of Eden – Monaro is nothing short of ludicrous. The whole of Eurobodalla Shire is much more closely aligned with the far south coast of NSW, including towns such as Moruya, Narooma, Cobargo, Bermagui, Bega and Eden. We do not relate to towns to the north of the shire which are included in the electorate of Gilmore. It should be noted that Batemans Bay is included in the NSW State Electorate of Bega, which is a much more sensible arrangement, and which extends right down to the Victorian border.

I would therefore urge your Committee to ensure that the whole of Eurobodalla Shire (including Batemans Bay and its surrounds) is once again united within the electorate of Eden – Monaro.

Yours faithfully,

Len Tompkins