

PUBLIC SUGGESTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
NSW



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Willoughby City Council

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CORPORATE SERVICES
Administrative Services Branch

23 April 2009

Mr E Killesteyn
Electoral Commissioner
Australian Electoral Commission
PO Box K406
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Dear Mr Killesteyn

Re: SUBMISSION RE ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REDISTRIBUTION

Reference is made to your Media Release dated 2 April 2009 inviting submissions into the redistribution of federal electoral boundaries.

Council formally received the media release at its meeting on 14 April 2009 when it resolved to lodge a submission on behalf of its residents who are affected by the current and possible changes to the electoral boundaries.

Willoughby City Council Area

1. Willoughby City Council is 23 square kilometres in area.
2. It is currently represented by 3 federal electorates - Bradfield, North Sydney and Warringah.
3. The bulk of the Council area is in the North Sydney electorate. The Bradfield and Warringah electorates take in relatively small areas on the Council's northern and eastern boundaries respectively (see attached maps)

Submission

1. Council believes that its residents are disadvantaged by being divided between three federal electorates.
2. Of particular concern is the Warringah electorate that takes in a small section of Willoughby comprising the suburbs of Castle Cove and Middle Cove.
3. These two suburbs are separated from the rest of the Warringah electorate by Middle Harbour.
4. Apart from being separated physically, the residents share virtually no community of interest with the bulk of the Warringah electorate.
5. The residents of Castle Cove and Middle Cove have a strong affiliation with Willoughby. The majority of the services they access (eg schools, churches, sporting organisations etc) and the community facilities they utilise are located in Willoughby. Similarly, the commercial and retail destinations these residents use would be predominantly located in Willoughby, i.e. Chatswood, St Leonards and Northbridge.

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Conclusion

Council contends that Middle Harbour is an obvious boundary and the current boundary configuration is detrimental to the interests of Castle Cove and Middle Cove residents.

Yours faithfully

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GENERAL MANAGER

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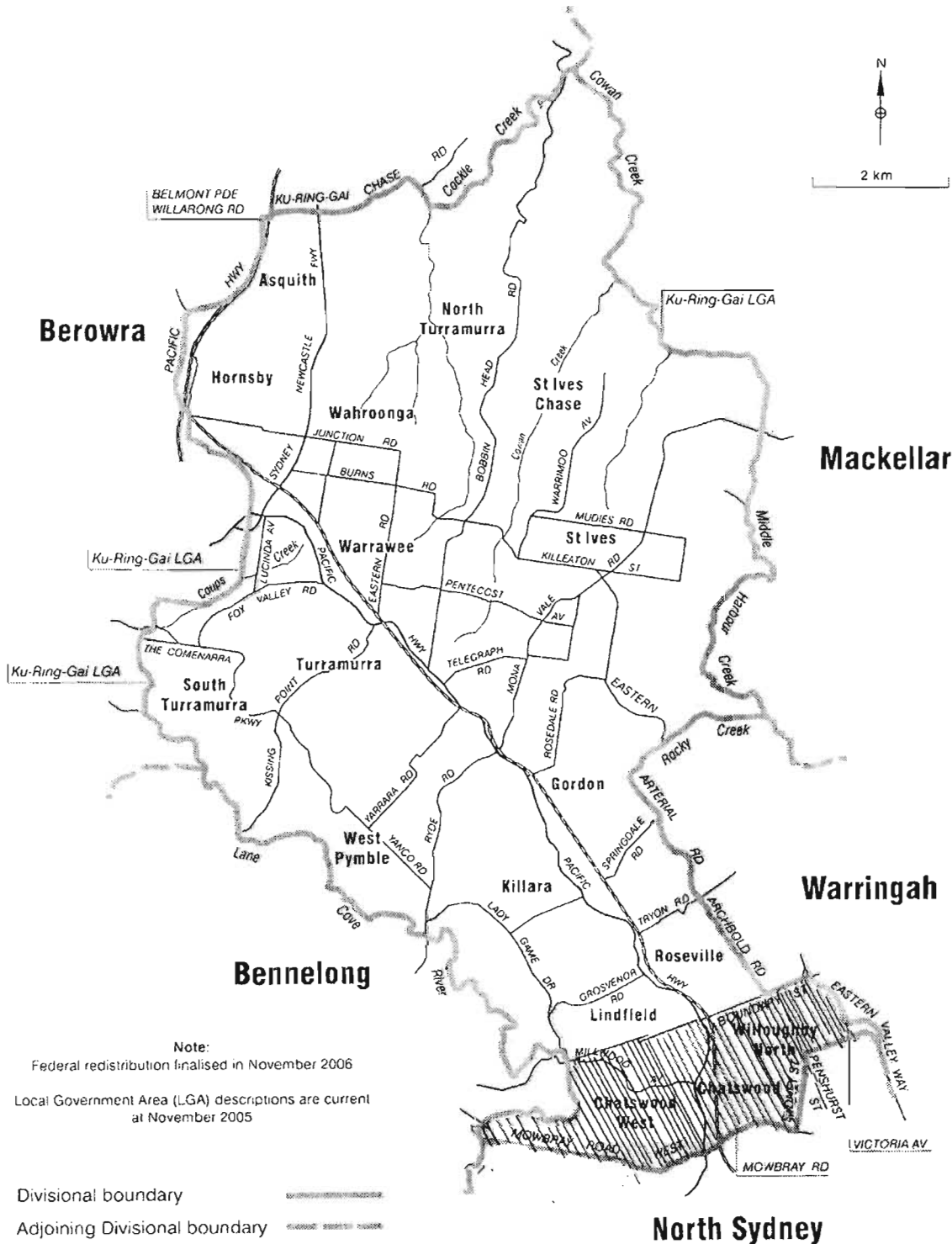


COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL DIVISION OF

BRADFIELD



2 km



Note:
Federal redistribution finalised in November 2006
Local Government Area (LGA) descriptions are current at November 2005

- Divisional boundary
- Adjoining Divisional boundary
- Division area 93 sq km
- Railway line



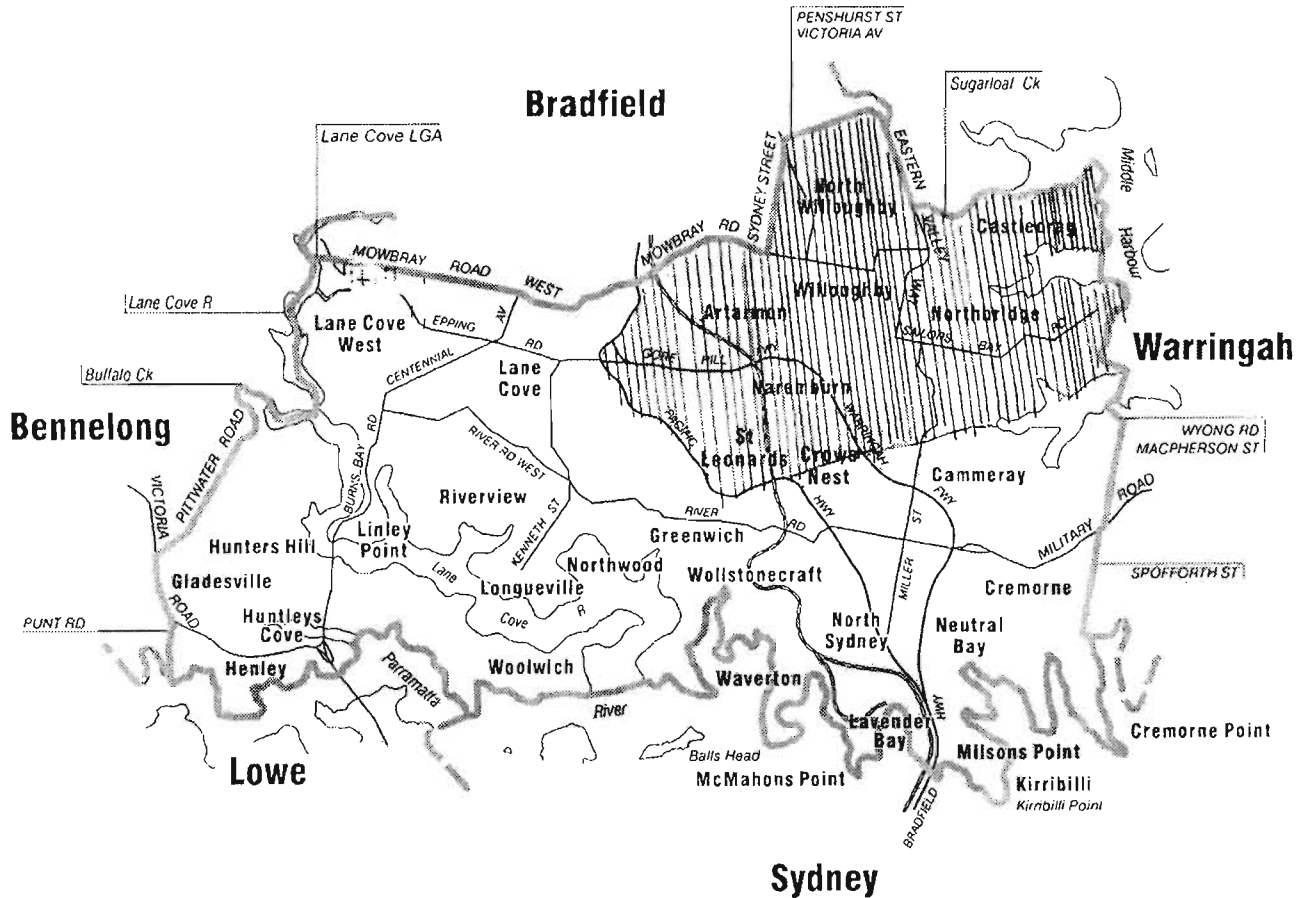
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COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL DIVISION OF NORTH SYDNEY



2 km



- Divisional boundary
- Adjoining Divisional boundary
- Division area 38 sq km
- Railway line

Note:
Federal redistribution finalised in November 2006
Local Government Area (LGA) descriptions are current
at November 2005



COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL DIVISION OF

WARRINGAH



- Divisional boundary
- Adjoining Divisional boundary
- Division area 65 sq km
- Railway line

Note:
 Federal redistribution finalised in November 2006
 Local Government Area (LGA) descriptions are current at November 2005