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Redistribution of Federal Divisions in New South Wales 2009

Introduction

The 2009 Federal Redistribution for New South Wales has been triggered by a fall in NSW's entitlement by 1.1 quotas since the 2006 Redistribution. Notwithstanding the determination of the Commissioners that NSW will likely lose a further Division at the same time as QLD will gain an additional Division and that the current Redistributions for both States will likely last for two Parliaments, it is our view that NSW will lose an additional Division during the next three years. Consequently, we have tried to adopt in our suggestions a proposal that would involve minimal change except in those instances where we believe that at the 2006 Redistribution the Commissioners were forced, due to the numerical and mandatory requirements of the Commonwealth Electoral Act, to arrive at suboptimal outcomes.

An example of the above we believe is found in the 2006 Commissioner's determination for the Division of Parramatta. Other examples are in our view found in the current Divisions of Farrer, Robertson and Eden Monaro.

Even with our desire to promote suggestions which would embrace minimal change it is also a reality that a Division must go and that rural Divisions in particular have low growth relative to the State average. So whilst a Submission can take several starting points such as a Wentworth south of the harbour, a Warringah north of the harbour or Richmond at the far North Coast the reality is that the knock on effects across several Divisions of changes made, means that substantial boundary changes are unavoidable once you move into say, country NSW or western Sydney.

In this context we think it worthwhile to address the criteria of existing boundaries. Under S66 of the Act that criteria is subordinate to the community of interest provisions. But existing boundaries are still an important criteria. However, it is also true that at every Redistribution the Commissioners run up against the problem with Divisions usually but not exclusively some removes away from an obvious starting point of trying to meet the community of interest criteria but having to concede to the mandatory numerical criteria. Each set of numbers provides a range of possibilities but can also limit the Commissioners in applying optimal community of interest outcomes. With a Redistribution it is a legitimate question to ask whether a particular existing boundary represents the considered view of previous Commissioners as representing a reasonable satisfaction of the community of interest criteria or whether the boundary is a result of the previous Commissioners having to set aside that criteria in order to fulfil the numerical requirements of the Act.

The ALP's suggested boundaries either adopt existing boundaries or LGA boundaries or strong lines such as main roads and rivers. In metropolitan areas we have also taken suburb (as defined by the ABS) boundaries just as the Commissioners have done in previous redistributions.

Now to the particulars of the ALP suggestions:

INNER SYDNEY

Existing Division's summary

Region	2/12/05	19/02/09	16/7/12
(quota)	87 931 (49 seats)	94 353 (48 seats)	98 907 (48 seats)
INNER	Enrol (var%)	Enrol (var%)	Enrol (var%)
1. Wentworth	95 467 (8.6)	98 979 (4.9)	101 578 (2.7)
2. Kingsford Smith	92 714 (5.4)	98 058 (3.9)	100 997 (2.1)
3. Sydney	80 082 (-8.4)	87 524 (-7.2)	96 141 (-2.8)
4. Grayndler	91 269 (3.8)	95 266 (1.0)	97 798 (-1.1)
5. Lowe	82 867 (-5.8)	88 360 (-6.4)	93 862 (-5.1)
6. Watson	91 108 (3.6)	95 989 (1.7)	99 077 (0.2)
7. Barton	87 590 (-0.4)	92 165 (-2.3)	95 749 (-3.2)
8. Banks	88 339 (0.5)	93201 (-1.2)	96 724 (-2.2)
			781 926 (-9.4)

As can be seen from the above table these eight Divisions are collectively less than 10% short of quota. Only relatively minor adjustments are required to the boundaries of these Divisions.

At the 2006 Redistribution, the then Commissioners decided in partially upholding an objection by the Liberal Party concerning the Division of Wentworth to add to the Division of Kingsford Smith the suburb of Rosebery from the Division of Sydney.

The ALP suggests that Rosebery be returned to Sydney for the following reasons:

The suburbs immediately to the north of Rosebery which are Green Square, Zetland, Beaconsfield and Victoria Park together with Rosebery function as a community. Green Square Railway Station and the future development of the area will further strengthen community links by enhancing transport, community facilities, and retail and entertainment precincts that are immediately adjacent to Rosebery residents.

Further, Rosebery is bounded by two major roads, Gardeners Road to the south and Southern Cross Drive to the East. These roads form a logical and definite boundary for the Federal Electorate of Sydney. Southern Cross Drive in fact is a substantial physical barrier firmly dividing Rosebery from suburbs east of this divide and Gardeners Road is a very well defined natural barrier between Rosebery and Mascot / Eastlakes.

Currently, Rosebery is the only suburb in the federal electorate of Kingsford-Smith that is within the City of Sydney Council boundary. All other suburbs in Kingsford-Smith are either in Botany or Randwick Local Government Areas.

The current boundary of Botany and Epsom Roads creates an unnatural divide in this area. It also creates an artificial boundary in the local community which does not reflect community, education, religious or other communities of interest.

Also, there are definite school communities divided by Gardeners Road. Generally, families north of Gardeners Road send their children to Gardeners Road Public School and families living south send their children to St Therese School, Mascot Public School or Eastlakes Public School.

Sydney is below quota and with the addition of Rosebery no further change to its boundaries is required. Kingsford Smith then gains from Wentworth the suburb of Clovelly and its coastal boundary with Wentworth becomes the LGA boundary between Randwick and Waverley Councils.

No further adjustment to Wentworth is needed.

At the 2006 Redistribution Objections and Hearings, a series of nonsensical objections were made regarding Wentworth. We ask the Commissioners to note that whilst it is true that Wentworth contains the highest concentration of Jews of any Division in NSW, it is also true that Kingsford Smith comes second and by a long margin. Additionally, Kingsford Smith is a Botany and Randwick LGA Division and it makes sense for Kingsford Smith should it require additional electors at this and subsequent redistributions to move into the remaining parts of Randwick Council presently in Wentworth.

On this occasion the ALP does not seek to adjust the boundary between Wentworth and Kingsford Smith at the Randwick end itself—the subject of most 'controversy' in 2006.

We leave the boundaries of Grayndler unchanged.

Small transfers of electors from the Division of Watson are made to each of the Divisions of Lowe, Barton and Banks. In the case of Lowe we unite the suburb of Belfield (Lowe also gains that part of Strathfield LGA in Reid east of Centenary Drive and all of Strathfield LGA in Blaxland); with Barton we move the to Bexley Rd and in the process add to it the suburb of Bardwell Park. The electors moved from Watson are all in Rockdale LGA which is mostly contained in Barton. Banks shifts its boundary with Watson from Belmore Rd to Bonds Rd which is a similar main road to the current boundary.

With the transfers from Watson outlined above it then takes from Blaxland that part of the suburb of Punchbowl north of the railway. The changes proposed are as follows:

INNER SYDNEY

<u>Division</u>	<u>19/02/09</u>	<u>16/07/12</u>
<u>1. WENTWORTH</u>	98 979	101 558
<u>Less</u> part Randwick (Clovelly) To Kingsford Smith	-2 489	-2 488
CCD's 1430602-3, 5-7, 9-10, 13		
<u>TOTAL</u>	96 490 (2.3)	99 070 (0.2)
<u>2. KINGSFORD SMITH</u>	98 058	100 997
<u>Less</u> Sydney South To Sydney	-3 205	-3 572
<u>Plus</u> part Randwick (Clovelly) To Kingsford Smith	+2 489	+2 488
CCD's 1430602-3, 5-7, 9-10, 13		
<u>TOTAL</u>	97 342 (3.2)	99 913 (1.0)
<u>3. SYDNEY</u>	87 524	96 141
<u>Plus</u> Sydney South Ex Kingsford Smith	+3 205	+3 572
<u>TOTAL</u>	90 729 (-3.8)	99 713 (0.8)
<u>4. GRAYNDLER</u>	95 266	97 798
No Change		
<u>TOTAL</u>	95 266 (1.0)	97 798 (-1.1)
<u>5. LOWE</u>	88 360	93 862
<u>Plus</u> part Canterbury Ex Watson	+3 102	+3 242
(remainder of suburb of Belfield)		
CCD's 1350804-8, 12-13; 1350912		
<u>Plus</u> part Strathfield Ex Reid	+503	+723
(Homebush West) CCD's 1410402, 7		
<u>Plus</u> Strathfield Ex Blaxland	+731	+722
<u>TOTAL</u>	92 696 (-1.7)	98 549 (-0.4)

<u>6. WATSON</u>	95 989	99 077
<u>Less</u> part Canterbury To Lowe (remainder of suburb of Belfield) CCD's 1350804-8, 12-13; 1350912	-3 102	-3 242
<u>Less</u> part Rockdale (north of Bexley Rd) CCD's 1362201-5 To Barton	-2 294	-2 377
<u>Less</u> part Canterbury (west of Bonds Rd) CCD's 1350209-11 To Banks	-1 441	-1 446
<u>Plus</u> Canterbury Ex Blaxland	+57	+59
<u>Plus</u> part Bankstown North East Ex Blaxland (east of Waterloo Rd, south of Wattle St and north east of Carisbrook Ave. {includes the entire suburb of Punchbowl north of railway}) CCD's 1341405-8, 13; 1341501-4	+5 495	+5 838
<u>TOTAL</u>	94 704 (0.4)	97 909 (-1.0)
 <u>7. BARTON</u>	 92 165	 95 749
<u>Plus</u> part Rockdale (north of Bexley Rd) CCD's 1362201-5 Ex Watson	+2 294	+2 377
<u>TOTAL</u>	94 459 (0.1)	98 126 (-0.8)
 <u>8. BANKS</u>	 93 201	 96 724
<u>Plus</u> part Canterbury (west of Bonds Rd) CCD's 1350209-11 Ex Watson	+1 441	+1 446
<u>TOTAL</u>	94 642 (0.3)	98 170 (-0.7)

NORTH SHORE AND NORTH WESTERN SYDNEY

Existing Division's summary

NORTH SHORE			
1. Mackellar	90 324 (2.7)	93 188 (-1.2)	95 731 (-3.2)
2. Warringah	90 931 (3.4)	94 004 (-0.4)	96 335 (-2.6)
3. Bradfield	89 049 (1.3)	94 343 (-)	97 657 (-1.3)
4. North Sydney	89 087 (1.3)	93 946 (-0.4)	96 799 (-2.1)
5. Bennelong	92 761 (5.5)	97 436 (3.3)	101 041 (2.2)
6. Berowra	87 981 (0.1)	92 328 (-2.1)	94 410 (-4.5)
			581 973 (-11.5)
N-W SYDNEY			
1. Greenway	81 882 (-6.9)	90 217 (-4.4)	100 267 (1.4)
2. Mitchell	81 786 (-7.0)	89 888 (-4.7)	98 085 (-0.8)
			198 352 (-0.6)

We next turn to the North Shore and North Western Sydney. Given the strong natural boundary of the Hawkesbury River, adjustments to the boundaries of these Divisions will necessarily impact on Western Sydney. The above table shows that all but one of the above Divisions is outside the allowable 3.5% deviation from the future quota but collectively these Divisions are around 12% short of the average projected quota. We begin as with Inner Sydney of adopting minimal changes but as we move west there is a compound effect of earlier proposed movements.

Warringah regains Dee Why which it only transferred to Mackellar in 2006. Mackellar is forced at its western end to gain electors from Bradfield in Ku Ring Gai Council (eg St Ives). The State District of Davidson also straddles Warringah and Ku Ring Gai Councils. Bradfield then takes Normanhurst and Waitara from Berowra to the northern railway line.

We make no change to the boundaries of North Sydney. With Bennelong the only change we make is to transfer North Epping to Berowra thereby extending the M2 as a continuous northern boundary for Bennelong.

Even with the transfer from Bennelong the Division of Berowra still needs to gain a significant number of electors. It already contains a significant semi urban component. We shrink Mitchell by removing to Berowra the suburbs of Annangrove, Dural and Kenthurst. Also transferred to Berowra is that part in Greenway east of the Hawkesbury River and north east of the Killarney Chain of Ponds and Windsor Rd. This proposed boundary is the same as that between the State Districts of Riverstone and Hawkesbury.

Mitchell remains on quota by gaining from Parramatta that part of the Baulkham Hills South LGA between Windsor Rd and North Rocks Rd.

Greenway also returns to Lindsay the Londonderry area which had been transferred in 2006. Thereby Greenway becomes a Hawkesbury/Blacktown division. Finally, Greenway also gains from Parramatta Blacktown North SLA (the entire suburb of Kings Langley).

These movements are described below:

NORTH SHORE

<u>Division</u>	<u>19/02/09</u>	<u>16/07/12</u>
<u>1. MACKELLAR</u>	93 188	95 731
Less part Warringah (Dee Why Beach) CCD's 1242008; 1242101,7-13; 1242209,15; 1242307,13 To Warringah	-3 333	-3 765
Plus part Ku-ring-gai Ex Bradfield CCD's 1370101,3-4,10,14; 1370201-7	+6 603	+6 580
<u>TOTAL</u>	96 458 (2.2)	98 546 (-0.4)
<u>2. WARRINGAH</u>	94 004	96 335
Plus part Warringah (Dee Why Beach) CCD's 1242008; 1242101,7-13; 1242209,15; 1242307,13 Ex Mackellar	+3 333	+3 765
<u>TOTAL</u>	97 337 (3.2)	100 100 (1.2)
<u>3. BRADFIELD</u>	94 343	97 657
Less part Ku-ring-gai To Mackellar CCD's 1370101,3-4,10,14; 1370201-7	-6 603	-6 580
Plus part Hornsby South Ex Berowra (Normanhurst, Waitara south east of railway to Pomona St) CCD's 1251403-10, 13; 1251504-5, 8, 13	+6 694	+7 008
<u>TOTAL</u>	94 434 (-)	98 085 (-0.8)
<u>4. NORTH SYDNEY</u>	93 946	96 799
No Change		
<u>TOTAL</u>	93 946 (-0.4)	96 799 (-2.1)

<u>5. BENNELONG</u>	97 436	101 041
<u>Less</u> part Hornsby (north of M2) To Berowra	-3 127	-3 136
CCD's 1251305-9, 11, 15		
<u>TOTAL</u>	94 309 (-)	97 905 (-1.0)

<u>6. BEROWRA</u>	92 328	94 410
<u>Less</u> part Hornsby South To Bradfield	-6 694	-7 008
(Normanhurst, Waitara south east of railway to the Pomona St)		
CCD's 1251403-10, 13;		
1251504-5, 8, 13		
<u>Plus</u> part Hornsby (north of M2) Ex Bennelong	+3 127	+3 136
CCD's 1251305-9, 11, 15		
<u>Plus</u> part Hawkesbury Ex Greenway	+3 801	+3 919
(bounded by Hawkesbury River, Killarney Chain of Ponds		
and Windsor Rd I.E. north western boundary between		
the State Districts of Riverstone and Hawkesbury)		
CCD's 1230301-5, 7-10, 14		
<u>Plus</u> part Baulkham Hills North Ex Mitchell	+4 244	+4 481
(suburbs of Dural, Kenthurst and Annangrove)		
CCD's 1260202-4, 9-10; 1260307; 1260408-9;		
1261703, 5, 8		
<u>TOTAL</u>	96 806 (2.6)	98 938 (-)

NORTH WEST SYDNEY

<u>Division</u>	<u>19/02/09</u>	<u>16/07/12</u>
<u>1. GREENWAY</u>	90 217	100 267
<u>Less</u> Penrith East To Lindsay	-3 287	-3 482
<u>Less</u> Penrith West To Lindsay	-440	-481
<u>Less</u> part Blacktown North To Chifley	-535	-594
(Shanes Park) CCD's 1270307, 11		
<u>Less</u> part Hawkesbury To Berowra	-3 801	-3 919
(bounded by Hawkesbury River, Killarney Chain of Ponds		
and Windsor Rd I.E. north western boundary between		
the State Districts of Riverstone and Hawkesbury)		
CCD's 1230301-5, 7-10, 14		
<u>Plus</u> Blacktown North Ex Parramatta	+6 703	+6 798
<u>TOTAL</u>	88 857 (-5.8)	98 589 (-0.3)

<u>2. MITCHELL</u>	89 888	98 085
<u>Less</u> part Baulkham Hills North To Berowra (suburbs of Dural, Kenthurst and Annangrove) CCD's 1260202-4, 9-10; 1260307; 1260408-9; 1261703, 5, 8	-4 244	-4 481
 <u>Plus</u> part Baulkham Hills South Ex Parramatta (east of Windsor Rd) CCD's 1261101-2, 7-10	 +2 466	 +2 571
<u>TOTAL</u>	88 110 (-6.6)	96 175 (-2.8)

WESTERN SYDNEY

Existing Division's summary

WEST SYDNEY			
1. Macquarie	91 621 (4.3)	95 332 (1.0)	98 261 (-0.7)
2. Lindsay	87 110 (-0.9)	90 831 (-3.7)	95 501 (-3.4)
3. Chifley	88 304 (0.4)	93 863 (-0.5)	98 849 (-0.1)
4. Parramatta	91 942 (4.6)	96 952 (2.8)	101 633 (2.8)
5. Prospect	87 527 (-0.5)	92 777 (-1.7)	96 715 (-2.2)
6. Reid	85 030 (-3.3)	94 761 (0.4)	105 616 (+6.8)
7. Blaxland	89 308 (1.6)	93 195 (-1.2)	97 593 (-1.3)
			694 168 (1.9)

These seven Divisions are on quota. But as we have seen above, transfers of electors to Watson, Greenway and Mitchell means that this region (and we suggest via the Division of Prospect) will have to draw electors from the south.

The ALP suggests that no change be made to Macquarie's boundaries. It is on quota and we accept and endorse the 2006 Commissioners' decision and reasons given to draw this Division as a Bathurst/Lithgow/Blue Mountains entity. The 2006 Macquarie was a restoration of the Bathurst to Blue Mountains Division of Macquarie that had existed from Federation until 1977. In our own suggestions to the 2006 Redistribution, we tried to establish that there were few links between Hawkesbury LGA and the Blue Mountains. Given the recent major redrawing of Macquarie, it would be ridiculous in our view for the current Commissioners to reverse that decision.

With Lindsay and as noted above, the ALP has proposed that Londonderry be transferred from Greenway. That takes Lindsay to slightly above quota and no other change is warranted.

Let us now go to Blaxland which must lose electors to the Inner City (and which we say should be to Watson). Bankstown LGA remains the core of Blaxland and Bankstown proper is entirely in that Division. Prior to the 2006 Redistribution, Blaxland contained no electors from Fairfield LGA. It now pencils itself through to Cabramatta. Its western boundary is the shape of a claw and on its north western end it juts into Guilford which is in Holroyd LGA. Prior to 2006 Blaxland had none of Holroyd either.

In 2009 Blaxland will need to gain electors to at least make up for its transfers east. Should Blaxland continue to move west? In that case it would likely move into Fairfield proper. In which case Fairfield and Bankstown would both be in the same Division and the Division of Prospect would have lost its main centre. Might there be a better arrangement that would better satisfy the community of interest criteria of the Act?

With the above considerations in mind, the ALP suggests that the entire Auburn LGA be transferred from Reid to Blaxland. Auburn LGA had been in Blaxland until the 1969 Redistribution. The consequences of such a proposal if adopted would be that both the Divisions of Blaxland and Prospect would transfer to Reid their Holroyd LGA components. That would be a gain in community of interest terms as Holroyd looks towards Parramatta. Prospect makes up for its loss of Holroyd by gaining most of Fairfield LGA currently in Blaxland as well as a significant section of Fairfield LGA currently in Fowler. (The transfers from Fowler to Prospect makes up for the loss of electors sent elsewhere from Western Sydney).

Overall, each of the Divisions of Prospect, Blaxland and Reid would have boundaries under the ALP proposal better reflecting communities of interests than the current situation.

With the Division of Parramatta the ALP has elsewhere suggested the removal of Kings Langley to Greenway and the part of Baulkham Hills South bounded by Windsor Rd and North Rocks Rd. These movements in turn allow Parramatta to regain from Reid the entire Parramatta CBD which is presently split between these Divisions.

Our proposed changes for Western Sydney are:

WEST SYDNEY

<u>Division</u>	<u>19/02/09</u>	<u>16/07/12</u>
<u>1. MACQUARIE</u>	95 332	98 261
No Change		
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>95 332 (1.0)</u>	<u>98 261</u>
<u>2. LINDSAY</u>	90 831	95 501
<u>Plus</u> Penrith East Ex Greenway	+3 287	+3 482
<u>Plus</u> Penrith West Ex Greenway	+440	+481
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>94 558 (0.2)</u>	<u>99 464 (0.6)</u>
<u>3. CHIFLEY</u>	93 863	98 849
<u>Less</u> part Blacktown South East To Parramatta (south of Lancelot St, west of Flushcombe st) CCD's 1272208-10, 12-13; 1272601-2, 9	-3 240	-3 303
<u>Plus</u> part Blacktown North Ex Greenway (Shanes Park) CCD's 1270307, 11	+535	+594
<u>Plus</u> Blacktown South East Ex Prospect	+37	+34
<u>Plus</u> Blacktown South West Ex Prospect	+3 339	+3 461
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>94 534 (0.2)</u>	<u>99 635 (0.7)</u>

<u>4. PARRAMATTA</u>	96 952	101 633
<u>Less</u> Blacktown North To Greenway	-6 703	-6 798
<u>Less</u> part Baulkham Hills South To Mitchell (east of Windsor Rd) CCD's 1261101-2, 7-10	-2 466	-2 571
<u>Plus</u> part Blacktown South East Ex Chifley (south of Lancelot St, west of Flushcombe st) CCD's 1272209-10, 12-13; 1272601-2, 9	+3 240	+3 303
<u>Plus</u> part Parramatta Inner Ex Reid (west of Harris St to Parkes St, north of Parkes St and the Great Western H'way and west of Pitt St) CCD's 1330506; 1330604-5, 8-9; 1330711; 1332901-4, 6, 11-12	+2 986	+3 599
<u>TOTAL</u>	94 009 (-0.4)	99 166 (0.3)
<u>5. PROSPECT</u>	92 777	96 715
<u>Less</u> Holroyd To Reid	-25 135	-26 595
<u>Less</u> Blacktown South East To Chifley	-37	-34
<u>Plus</u> Blacktown South West To Chifley	-3 339	-3 461
<u>Plus</u> part Fairfield East Ex Blaxland (all that part not transferred to Reid)	+19 771	+20 204
<u>Plus</u> part Fairfield East Ex Fowler (east of Cumberland Highway and suburb of Canley Heights) CCD's 1321201-2, 7-10, 14; 1321404; 1321501, 8-9, 11, 14	+5 991	+6 160
<u>Plus</u> part Fairfield West Ex Fowler (suburbs of Abbotsbury and Wakeley and remainder of suburbs of Bossley Park and Prairiewood) CCD's 1320104-5, 7, 10-12; 1320208-10; 1320301; 1321601-2, 12-14; 1321914; 1321507	+8 631	+9 003
<u>TOTAL</u>	98 659 (4.6)	101 992 (3.1)

<u>6. REID</u>	94 761	105 616
<u>Less</u> Auburn To Blaxland	-38 030	-43 116
<u>Less</u> part Strathfield To Lowe (Homebush West) CCD's 1410402, 7	-503	-723
<u>Less</u> part Parramatta Inner To Parramatta (west of Harris St to Parkes St, north of Parkes St and the Great Western H'way and west of Pitt St) CCD's 1330506; 1330604-5, 8-9; 1330711; 1332901-4, 6, 11-12	-2 986	-3 599
<u>Plus</u> Holroyd Ex Blaxland	+4 411	+4 523
<u>Plus</u> part Fairfield East Ex Blaxland (north east of Prospect Creek and north of the Hume Highway: suburbs of Fairfield East; Old Guilford and Yennora) CCD's 1320801; 1320901-10, 12-15; 1321001-4, 10, 12	+8 230	+8 537
<u>Plus</u> Holroyd Ex Prospect	+25 135	+26 595
<u>TOTAL</u>	91 018 (-3.5)	97 833 (-1.1)

<u>7. BLAXLAND</u>	93 195	97 593
<u>Less</u> Strathfield To Lowe	-731	-722
<u>Less</u> Canterbury To Watson	-57	-59
<u>Less</u> part Bankstown North East To Watson (east of Waterloo Rd, south of Wattle St and north east of Carisbrook Ave. {includes the entire suburb of Punchbowl north of railway}) CCD's 1341405-8, 13; 1341501-4	-5 495	-5 838
<u>Less</u> Holroyd To Reid	-4 411	-4 523
<u>Less</u> part Fairfield East To Reid (north east of Prospect Creek and north of the Hume Highway: suburbs of Fairfield East; Old Guilford and Yennora) CCD's 1320801; 1320901-10, 12-15; 1321001-4, 10, 12	-8 230	-8 537
<u>Less</u> part Fairfield East To Prospect (all that part not transferred to Reid)	-19 771	-20 204
<u>Plus</u> Auburn Ex Reid	+38 030	+43 116
<u>TOTAL</u>	92 530 (-1.9)	100 826 (1.9)

COOK TO EDEN MONARO

Existing Division's summary

CRONULLA-SOUTH COAST			
1. Cook	90 039 (2.4)	93 581 (-0.8)	95 710 (-3.2)
2. Hughes	87 430 (-0.6)	91 845 (-2.7)	95 409 (-3.5)
3. Cunningham	89 019 (1.2)	91 888 (-2.6)	94 040 (-4.9)
4. Throsby	85 578 (-2.7)	89 127 (-5.5)	92 951 (-6.0)
5. Gilmore	83 932 (-4.6)	88 060 (-6.7)	92 443 (-6.5)
6. Eden-Monaro	86 915 (-1.2)	92 119 (-2.4)	97 785 (-1.1)
			568 338 (-25.2)

Our suggestions concerning South West Sydney are best considered in the context of what we propose for the coastal Divisions running south from Cook, through the Illawarra and ending with Eden Monaro. These six Divisions as can be seen from the above table, are significantly short of quota. The shortfall must be made up by drawing one of these coastal Divisions westward. The Georges River which is also a Local Government boundary has been a Commonwealth Electoral Boundary since 1922. It has an even longer history as an electoral boundary than even the Hawkesbury River. There is simply no case that can be made on community of interest grounds for a breach of this extremely long standing boundary.

Whenever this region has needed to find additional electors to fulfil the quota the movement has always been westward. It is also true that in the Sydney Basin, that the shortfall or surplus of electors has for many decades been channelled through South West Sydney. That's because successive Commissioners have quite properly deemed the Hawkesbury as a permanent boundary.

However, it is also true that when boundaries of South Coast and Illawarra Divisions are attached to the South West region it is inevitable that the resulting Divisions are caught up in the ebb and flow of movements in and out of Sydney. And that always means that major and in our view avoidable major changes to Divisions covering the South Coast must happen. And that has been recognised in recent Redistributions.

To illustrate this point let's go back to the 1984 Redistribution. In that year the boundaries of four Divisions covering parts of the South Coast were drawn east-west. Macarthur was drawn as a Division running from Narellan to the northern suburbs of Wollongong. As it had been since 1969 Hughes was a Sutherland Division with a Liverpool component. Rather famously Gilmore was created in 1984 as a Cowra-Nowra Division and Throsby, also created in 1984 was drawn as a Bowral/Shellharbour/Kiama Division.

Since then successive Commissioners have sought to with the exception of Hughes to contain areas along the South Coast as coastal only Divisions. For example, Wollongong was taken out of Macarthur in 1991; the Southern Highlands was removed from Throsby at the 2000 Redistribution. With Gilmore, the non coastal parts were progressively removed over three successive Redistributions with the Moss Vale/Mittagong Section finally removed in 2006. That's a good thing for whilst say, a case can be made for a connection between a Bowral and a Kiama it will always be true that Kiama will relate more strongly to adjoining coastal areas.

Yet it is also the case that the Cook-Eden Monaro group of Divisions, being just six Seats will need to complete quota requirements to have a Division running east-west. The best way that can be done but at the same time avoiding being caught up in the vortex of movements in and out of the Sydney Basin will be to continue to draw Hughes as a east west Division.

In 2006, the Commissioners decided to run the Division of Eden Monaro and for the first time since Federation across the Great Divide to cover Tumut and Tumbarumba. We don't wish to repeat our arguments against this arrangement except to note that our reasons opposing that change were contained in our 2006 Objections which was not upheld.

Each Redistribution process involves new sets of numbers which allow for the possibility of making new arrangements which weren't available at the previous Redistribution. The ALP suggests that Tumut and Tumbarumba be transferred from Eden Monaro to the Division of Farrer. Aside from our earlier arguments advanced in 2006, there is an even more compelling case than in 2006 for making this change. And that is that the transfer of these electors will both assist in the prevention of a rural Division being abolished and at the same time allow for Farrer to transfer out Broken Hill which had been added to Farrer and which sits rather oddly with the rest of that Division.

With the above suggested transfer out of Eden Monaro, the section of Palerang Shire in Hume is able to be added to Eden Monaro, thereby including all of that Shire in the seat. As well Eden Monaro is able to regain that part of Eurobodalla Shire south of Bateman's Bay which it had transferred to Gilmore in 2006. In turn, Gilmore is able to contain all of Kiama LGA by taking that section in Throsby. As well Gilmore takes in most of Albion Park Rail and its northern boundary becomes bounded by the Illawarra and Princess Highways.

Throsby is well below quota and with the transfers to Gilmore noted above, it is then able to gain Wollongong proper from Cunningham. Cunningham which is also significantly below quota is then able to move north. It takes Bundeena from Cook and from Hughes it adds the southern suburbs of Sutherland Shire from Loftus down. Its northern boundary becomes similar to that of the State District of Heathcote which covers parts of both Wollongong and Sutherland LGA's.

Cook then gains Bonnet Bay and Como from Hughes and the Woronora River becomes a significant electoral boundary for Cook, Hughes and Cunningham.

Hughes which already encompasses Liverpool then is able to become a Liverpool/northern suburbs of Campbelltown Division with a Sutherland component rather than the other way round as it is now.

The Illawarra's growth is below the State's average. This fact taken together with the likelihood that NSW will lose a seat in the next Parliament, means that next time Hughes can transfer south much of its Sutherland component next time. (Under the ALP suggestions Hughes will still contain Menai and Sutherland). That will allow for far less disruption in coastal Divisions than say if an east-west seat were to be proposed further south.

In summary, our changes are:

CRONULLA-SOUTH COAST

<u>Division</u>	<u>19/02/09</u>	<u>16/07/12</u>
<u>1. COOK</u>	93 581	95 710
<u>Less</u> part Sutherland East (Bundeena) CCD's 1310406; 1312307-12) To Cunningham	-1 809	-1 823
<u>Plus</u> part Sutherland West (Como and Bonnet Bay) CCD's 1310701-9, 11-13) Ex Hughes	+5 200	+5 236
<u>TOTAL</u>	96 972 (2.8)	99 123 (0.2)
<u>2. HUGHES</u>	91 845	95 409
<u>Less</u> part Sutherland West (Como and Bonnet Bay) CCD's 1310701-9, 11-13) To Cook	-5 200	-5 236
<u>Less</u> part Sutherland West To Cunningham (Loftus and all that south of Loftus) CCD's 1310210; 1310301-12; 1310403-12, 14; 1310501-13; 1310602-6, 8-11; 1312410; 1312501-11	-28 170	-28 830
<u>Plus</u> Liverpool East Ex Werriwa	+18 405	+19 463
<u>Plus</u> part Liverpool West Ex Werriwa (east of Bernera Rd and Joadja St plus Edmonton Park) CCD's 1290510, 12-13; 1291302-3, 12, 26	+4 621	+6 020
<u>Plus</u> part Campbelltown North Ex Werriwa (suburbs of Glenfield, Long Point and Macquarie Fields) CCD's 1301301-12; 1301401-12; 1301501-9, 11	+13 291	+14 211
<u>TOTAL</u>	94 792 (0.5)	101 037 (2.2)

3. CUNNINGHAM	91 888	94 040
<u>Less</u> part Wollongong Inner To Throsby	-17 527	-18 296
(West of Princess Highway and ending with the suburb of North Wollongong)		
CCD's 1190911-12; 1191008, 10; 1191101-14; 1191201-14; 1191301-13; 1191604, 6-11, 14		
<u>Less</u> part Wollongong Bal To Throsby	-6 177	-6 359
CCD's 1191503, 6-8; 1191605, 12-13; 1191707; 1191801-4, 6, 10-11		
<u>Plus</u> part Sutherland West Ex Hughes	+28 170	+28 830
(Loftus and all that south of Loftus)		
CCD's 1310210; 1310301-12; 1310403-12, 14; 1310501-13; 1310602-6, 8-11; 1312410; 1312501-11		
<u>Plus</u> part Sutherland East (Bundeena)	+1 809	+1 803
CCD's 1310406; 1312307-12) Ex Cook		
TOTAL	98 169 (4.0)	100 045 (1.2)
4. THROSBY	89 127	92 951
<u>Less</u> Kiama To Gilmore	-5 776	-5 894
<u>Less</u> part Shellharbour To Gilmore	-11 053	-11 808
(South of Illawarra Highway and Tongarra Rd and West of Princess Highway)		
CCD's 1193002-4, 6-10 1193201-6, 8-9, 11-15		
<u>Plus</u> part Wollongong Inner Ex Cunningham	+17 527	+18 296
(West of Princess Highway and ending with the suburb of North Wollongong)		
CCD's 1190911-12; 1191008, 10; 1191101-14; 1191201-14; 1191301-13; 1191604, 6-11, 14		
<u>Plus</u> part Wollongong Bal Ex Cunningham	+6 177	+6 359
CCD's 1191503, 6-8; 1191605, 12-13; 1191707; 1191801-4, 6, 10-11		
TOTAL	96 002 (1.7)	99 904 (1.0)

<u>5. GILMORE</u>	88 060	92 443
<u>Less</u> part Eurobodalla To Eden-Monaro (Catalina and all parts south) CCD's 1181801-11; 1181902-4, 8-9; 1182002, 11; 1182602-6, 8-11	-8 226	-8 753
<u>Plus</u> Kiama Ex Throsby	+5 776	+5 894
<u>Plus</u> part Shellharbour Ex Throsby (South of Illawarra Highway and Tongarra Rd and West of Princess Highway) CCD's 1193002-4, 6-10 1193201-6, 8-9, 11-15	+11 053	+11 808
<u>TOTAL</u>	96 663 (2.4)	101 392 (2.5)
<u>6. EDEN-MONARO</u>	92 119	97 785
<u>Less</u> Tumbarumba; Tumut To Hume	-10 102	-10 136
<u>Plus</u> Palerang Pt A Ex Hume	+2 564	+2 754
<u>Plus</u> Palerang Pt B Ex Hume	+181	+209
<u>Plus</u> part Eurobodalla Ex Gilmore (Catalina and all parts south) CCD's 1181801-11; 1181902-4, 8-9; 1182002, 11; 1182602-6, 8-11	+8 226	+8 753
<u>TOTAL</u>	92 988 (-1.4)	99 365 (0.7)

SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY

Existing Division's summary

S-W SYDNEY			
1. Fowler	85 969 (-2.2)	90 607 (-4.0)	94 309 (-4.6)
2. Werriwa	85 793 (-2.4)	91 472 (-3.1)	99 796 (0.9)
3. Macarthur	80 209 (-8.8)	85 827 (-9.0)	98 236 (-0.7)
			292 341 (-4.4)

This is the region where the ALP suggests that a Seat should be abolished. We propose that Seat be Macarthur. Werriwa is a Federation name whereas Macarthur has only existed since 1949. The transfers in and out of Fowler although significant are not large enough to even give consideration for its abolition.

Elsewhere we have outlined our proposed movements from Fowler to Prospect and from Werriwa to Hughes. To make up its numbers Fowler then takes the remainder of Liverpool in Werriwa not transferred to Hughes. Thereby, all of the Liverpool LGA is contained in two Divisions: Hughes and Fowler. It currently has the semi urban parts of Liverpool LGA as well as Wallacia, Warragamba and Silverdale. We also add to Fowler that part of Camden LGA north of Cobbitty Rd and from Wollondilly the suburbs of Theresa Park and Werombi which are both isolated from the remainder of Wollondilly and relate best with Warragamba and Silverdale.

Werriwa has lost its Liverpool end as well as the northern Campbelltown suburbs of Glenfield, Macquarie Fields and Long Point. We add all of Campbelltown presently in Macarthur and additionally include from Camden LGA that part east of the Camden Bypass(Mt Annan).

Camden itself is thereby able to be included in Hume (as well as the balance of Wollondilly LGA).

The changes are:

SOUTH WEST SYDNEY

<u>Division</u>	<u>19/02/09</u>	<u>16/07/12</u>
<u>1. FOWLER</u>	90 607	94 309
<u>Less</u> part Fairfield East To Prospect	-5 991	-6 160
(east of Cumberland Highway and suburb of Canley Heights)		
CCD's 1321201-2, 7-10, 14; 1321404; 1321501, 8-9, 11, 14		
<u>Less</u> part Fairfield West To Prospect	-8 631	-9 003

(suburbs of Abbotsbury and Wakeley and remainder of suburbs of Bossley Park and Prairiewood)

CCD's 1320104-5, 7, 10-12; 1320208-10; 1320301;
1321601-2, 12-14; 1321914; 1321507

<u>Plus</u> part Wollondilly Ex Macarthur	+911	+1 071
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(suburbs of Theresa Park and Werombi)

CCD's 1201205, 9

<u>Plus</u> part Camden Ex Macarthur	+2 161	+2 565
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(suburbs of Cobbitty and north of Cobbitty Rd)

CCD's 1291404-7;

<u>Plus</u> part Camden Ex Werriwa	+1 959	+2 318
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(Catherine Field)

CCD's 1291401-4

<u>Plus</u> part Liverpool West Ex Werriwa	+13 733	+16 262
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(all that part not transferred to Hughes)

<u>TOTAL</u>	94 749 (0.4)	101 362 (2.5)
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<u>2. WERRIWA</u>	91 472	99 796
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<u>Less</u> Liverpool East To Hughes	-18 405	-19 463
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<u>Less</u> part Liverpool West To Hughes	-4 621	-6 020
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(east of Bernera Rd and Joadja St plus Edmonton Park)

CCD's 1290510, 12-13; 1291302-3, 12, 26

<u>Less</u> part Campbelltown North To Hughes	-13 291	-14 211
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(suburbs of Glenfield, Long Point and Macquarie Fields)

CCD's 1301301-12; 1301401-12; 1301501-9, 11

<u>Less</u> part Camden To Fowler	-1 959	-2 318
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(Catherine Field)

CCD's 1291401-4

<u>Less</u> part Liverpool West To Fowler	-13 733	-16 262
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(all that part not transferred to Hughes)

<u>Plus</u> Campbelltown South Ex Macarthur	+39 506	+41 846
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<u>Plus</u> part Camden Ex Macarthur	+13 250	+16 402
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CCD's 1291510, 12, 15-16, 19

1291901-4, 6, 8-9, 11-15

<u>TOTAL</u>	92 219 (-2.3)	99 770 (0.9)
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NORTH COAST

Existing Division's summary

NORTH COAST			
1. Richmond	85 240 (-3.1)	91 028 (-3.5)	97 624 (-1.3)
2. Page	90 018 (2.4)	93 649 (-0.7)	97 375 (-1.5)
3. Cowper	89 097 (1.3)	93 521 (-0.9)	99 170 (0.3)
4. Lyne	83 055 (-5.6)	87 758 (-7.0)	93 154 (-5.8)
5. Paterson	86 476 (-1.7)	91 477 (-3.0)	98 271 (-0.6)
			485 594 (-8.9)

Our starting point for these Divisions is that the Great Divide should not be crossed. As the Hawkesbury River is also a strong natural boundary which should never be breached, it follows that any shortfall in both the North Coast/Central Coast/Hunter regions has to be found through the Division of Hunter.

With the North Coast the ALP suggestions propose minimal changes until we come to the Division of Paterson which we propose be consolidated as a Maitland based Division as it was drawn when recreated at the 1991 Redistribution.

We make no change to the boundaries of Richmond. With Page the only change we make is to add the town of MacLean from Cowper. Its surrounding area is already in Page. With Cowper we add the part of Kempsey LGA in Lyne so that the boundary between Lyne and Cowper is the southern LGA boundary of Kempsey. Lyne which is well short of electors then gains from Paterson Gloucester LGA as well as Bulahdelah from the Great Lakes LGA. The only other option would be to separate Tuncurry from Forster and such a proposal should always be rejected on community of interest grounds.

We then come to Paterson. In 2006, the Commissioners divided Maitland LGA between the Divisions of Newcastle, Hunter and Paterson. We take the required transfer of electors from the Division of Hunter needed to make up for the shortfall both on the coast and Newcastle/Central Coast through a movement of electors entirely from the Maitland LGA in Hunter and we send these to Paterson. This movement then means that Paterson must then shed electors south. We then transfer back to Paterson from Newcastle that part of Maitland (as well as the satellite suburb of Beresfield) added in 2006 to Newcastle. Thereby we are able to transfer the Port Stephens peninsular to the Division of Newcastle.

- It's hard to argue against the concept of trying to consolidate Maitland in Paterson. But there are also compelling grounds to place Port Stephens with Newcastle. The inclusion of the Port Stephens peninsula into the Division of Newcastle would consolidate the already well established links between Newcastle City Council and Port Stephens Council

- Newcastle City Council and Port Stephens Council are co-owners of the Newcastle Regional Airport. Their cooperation on this major regional venture provides a relevant example of the ties that already exist between these two LGA's.

Community of Interest:

- Port Stephens sporting teams have traditionally participated in Newcastle-based competitions. (E.G. Newcastle Rugby League and Newcastle Soccer competitions. At the elite level, the Newcastle Knights and Newcastle Jets attract regional support and act to unify those communities based outside the City of Newcastle LGA.
- The key media organisations which serve the existing Division of Newcastle also serve the proposed new areas currently within the Paterson Electorate. The Newcastle-produced media such as NBN Television, the Newcastle Herald, and all major radio stations including 1233 ABC Newcastle, KOFM and 2HD are all broadcast and distributed to the Port Stephens area.
- The University of Newcastle and Hunter Institute of TAFE, located in the Newcastle Electorate, are the key educational and training hubs of the region, hosting many students from the Port Stephens and adjacent areas.
- Major specialty high schools located in the Newcastle electorate such as The Hunter School of Performing Arts, Merewether Selective High School, St Dominic's School for the Hearing Impaired, Margaret Jurd Learning Centre, and the major private schools of The Newcastle Grammar, St Francis Xavier Senior College and St Phillips Christian College all service the wider region, including Port Stephens.

Economic:

- As the name suggests, Newcastle Airport at Williamtown - the fastest growing regional airport in Australia currently experiencing over 350% growth in the past 2 years - is widely considered to service travellers to and from the City of Newcastle. It is wholly appropriate that this facility be included in the Federal Electorate of Newcastle. In fact its location provides a central and unifying focus point between the existing areas of Newcastle and the proposed new communities of Port Stephens
- The areas of Tomago and Williamtown, home to the Williamtown RAAF base and many manufacturing industries, clearly have an economic interest in being part of the Newcastle Electorate. The coastal links between Port Stephens and Newcastle act to unify these regions and help to consolidate marine industry and tourism in the region. The City of Newcastle is the economic and financial hub of the region, and businesses such as those in Tomago, Williamtown and Port Stephens have strong links to the City of Newcastle through its export port, local business and industry representative

organisations and legal and financial services. These include the Hunter Business Chamber, the Industry Development Centre, the Hunter Export Centre, industry cluster organisations HunterTech and HunterNet as well as the Hunter Economic Development Corporation and Hunter Tourism which are all located in the City of Newcastle.

- The new direction of urban growth is a pattern of infill between Newcastle and Williamstown and Newcastle and Port Stephens – along the coastal strip. A new land and housing release between Stockton, Fern Bay and Williamstown exemplifies the creeping urbanisation that brings the Williamstown and Port Stephens areas ever-closer to Newcastle. This is anticipated to continue as Newcastle population growth reaches physical barriers to the west. It is appropriate that these areas be united in their economic futures within the electorate of Newcastle.

The ALP's suggested changes for the North Coast are:

NORTH COAST

<u>Division</u>	<u>19/02/09</u>	<u>16/07/12</u>
<u>1. RICHMOND</u>	91 028	97 624
No Change		
<u>TOTAL</u>	91 028 (-3.5)	97 624 (-1.3)
<u>2. PAGE</u>	93 649	97 375
Plus part Clarence Valley Coast Ex Cowper (MacLean) CCD's 1060903-7	+2 352	+2 362
<u>TOTAL</u>	96 001 (1.7)	99 737 (0.8)
<u>3. COWPER</u>	93 521	99 170
Less part Clarence Valley Coast To Page (MacLean) CCD's 1060903-7	-2 352	-2 362
Plus Kempsey Ex Lyne	+2 414	+2 508
<u>TOTAL</u>	93 583 (-0.8)	99 316 (0.40)

4. LYNE	87 758	93 154
<u>Less</u> Kempsey To Cowper	-2 414	-2 508
<u>Plus</u> Gloucester Ex Paterson	+3 687	+3 770
<u>Plus</u> part Great Lakes Ex Paterson (Bulahdelah) CCD's 1091904, 10; 1092001-7, 13	+2 776	+2 924
TOTAL	91 807 (-2.7)	97 340 (-1.6)

5. PATERSON	91 477	98 271
<u>Less</u> Gloucester To Lyne	-3 687	-3 770
<u>Less</u> part Great Lakes To Lyne (Bulahdelah) CCD's 1091904, 10; 1092001-7, 13	-2 776	-2 924
<u>Less</u> part Port Stephens To Newcastle (Nelson Bay) CCD's 1111401-16; 1111501-11; 1111601-12; 1111701-11; 1112001-9	-23 005	-24 794
<u>Plus</u> part Port Stephens Ex Newcastle CCD 1111206	+343	+375
<u>Plus</u> Maitland Ex Newcastle	+7 643	+8 282
<u>Plus</u> part Newcastle Outer West Ex Newcastle (Beresfield) CCD's 1100202-9; 1100302	+3 988	+4 061
<u>Plus</u> part Maitland Ex Hunter CCD's 1110407-8; 1110504-7, 9, 11-12; 1110601-2, 8; 1110704, 7-9; 1110902-4, 9-10; 1111801-5, 7-11	+14 772	+16 308
TOTAL	88 755 (-5.9)	95 809 (-3.1)

CENTRAL COAST/HUNTER

Existing Division's summary

CC-HUNTER			
1. Robertson	90 731 (3.2)	94 666 (0.3)	97 591 (-1.3)
2. Dobell	85 933 (-2.3)	91 455 (-3.1)	97 159 (-1.8)
3. Shortland	90 967 (2.4)	93 377 (-1.0)	97 613 (-1.3)
4. Charlton	87 768 (-0.2)	91 554 (-3.0)	95 537 (-3.4)
5. Newcastle	90 318 (2.7)	93 547 (-0.9)	96 974 (-2.0)
6. Hunter	86 102 (-2.1)	90 792 (-3.8)	96 505 (-2.4)
			581 379 (-12.2)

Our starting point for this region is that the Hawkesbury River must not be crossed and that any shortfall must come from additions to the Division of Hunter. As the North Coast is also below quota this means that there has to be a transfer of electors to Hunter from rural Divisions.

In the section on the North Coast above, we have outlined our proposal that Hunter transfer electors from Maitland LGA to Paterson which in turn would be able to be drawn as a Maitland based Division by gaining back the Maitland LGA plus the suburb of Beresfield which was transferred to Newcastle in 2006. This would then allow for the Port Stephens peninsular to be given to Newcastle. Our arguments in support of that suggestion are contained in our suggestions for the North Coast.

However, it should be noted that the ALP suggestion for the transfer of electors from Hunter also means that Cessnock LGA is able to be kept entirely within Hunter.

For Hunter we transfer from the Division of Parkes all of Mid Western Regional Council as well as Hill End from Calare. These transfers are sufficient to keep both the North Coast and Central Coast/Hunter regions within quota. To then try and move additional areas such as Wellington or Liverpool Plains into Hunter would be quite a stretch on community of interest grounds.

Following the proposed changes outlined above, Newcastle is able to begin a cascade of electors to Charlton and thence to Shortland and Dobell. Charlton gains Kotara and the western end of Newcastle. We leave as is the northern boundary of Shortland which is also the southern LGA boundary of Newcastle LGA. As earlier stated we retain all of Cessnock in Hunter which would mean that Charlton's western boundary is unchanged. The southern boundary of Charlton is also the boundary between Wyong and Lake Macquarie LGA's. The ALP suggests that that boundary also be retained. Consequently, the suggested transfer to Shortland is at the north eastern end of Charlton. The ALP suggests that

Charlton give to Shortland the remainder of suburb of Warners Bay plus the suburbs of Cardiff South, Hillsborough and Lakelands.

We then attempt to clean up the boundary between Shortland and Dobell. To us the area at the south western end of Budgewoi Lake fits oddly with Shortland. On current boundaries the suburb of Gorokan is divided between Dobell and Shortland. We propose that Gorokan be united in Dobell which would also gain from Shortland Lake Haven and Charmhaven. To make that change and given the number of electors involved we are also forced to transfer Blue Haven from Dobell to Shortland. But that allows us to make Wallarah Creek as Dobell's north western boundary with Shortland. Such a boundary would be far cleaner and easier to understand than the present boundary.

Finally, for this region we ask the Commissioners to re-examine the current boundary between Robertson and Dobell. The ALP agrees that Robertson should continue to be entirely a Gosford LGA Division. However, on current boundaries Gosford proper is split between the Divisions of Robertson and Dobell. We think that there is a compelling and indeed overwhelming case for Gosford itself to be placed entirely within Robertson.

To allow for the inclusion of Gosford itself within Robertson, we have to transfer a similar number of electors from the coastal end of Robertson to Dobell. We transfer to Dobell the entire suburbs of Erina, Terrigal and North Avoca which relate strongly with Wamberal which is already in Dobell. Whilst our transfers of electors are significant the movements are of entire suburbs and in the process we unite entire suburbs currently split at the Gosford end between Dobell and Robertson.

Further, an examination of sporting, schooling, parish, transport, health, Local Government and other arrangements in the areas covered by the ALP suggestions, provides as good a case as the Commissioners will ever find of subsuming the existing boundaries criteria in favour of the more important criteria of community of interests.

Let's now outline our case:

The central node of the Federal seat of Robertson is Gosford which is indicated by the location of the Main Council building there and the location of the sole major hospital and emergency service located in the seat. This should indicate that the suburbs with the strongest community of interest with Gosford and the other suburbs in the seat should form part of the seat of Robertson.

The suburbs of North Gosford, Wyoming, Ourimbah and the balance of Narara & Niagara Park (presently located in Dobell) have a greater community of interest with Gosford and the balance of Robertson than Erina, Erina Heights, Terrigal and North Avoca.

Including North Gosford, Wyoming and the balance of Narara & Niagara Park in Robertson

The present North east boundary of the seat of Robertson runs along the railway line. This splits the suburbs of Narara and Niagara Park. It also separates from the rest of the seat of Robertson, the suburbs of North

Gosford Wyoming and Ourimbah whose focus is the commercial and government services hub of Gosford. The seat of Dobell focuses on the municipal centre of Wyong which is located some distance up the expressway from this suburban area. It is totally inappropriate that these suburbs should not form part of the seat of Robertson centred on Gosford. The NSW Department of Planning has designated Gosford as the regional capital which supports its pre-eminence as a service centre for this region.

The clearest demonstration the community of these suburbs is the fact that North Gosford, Narara, Niagara Park, and Wyoming all share the same postcode with Gosford being 2250.

There is a clear community of interest between these suburbs and the balance of the seat LGA of Gosford and accordingly the boundary should run along the LGA boundary between Lisarow and Ourimbah. The legislation clearly supports the use of existing boundaries such as LGA boundaries particularly where there is a strong community of interest.

State and Federal Government Services

The residents of Narara, Niagara Park, North Gosford and Wyoming relate to Gosford as the centre for the provision of their government services. They access essential federal services such as Centrelink and Medicare at Gosford. The residents of these suburbs usually contact the office of the Federal Member for Robertson regarding Federal matters.

Health facilities

Medical General Practitioner's community health facilities, aged care, Health outreach promotional and support services in the Narara Niagara Park Lisarow and Wyoming area affiliate, orient themselves and rely for support on Gosford hospital. These communities also rely on Gosford hospital for the provision of mental health and Drug and Alcohol services, health outreach services and chronic care and respite facilities for services such as renal dialysis, diabetes management and dementia. Many employees of Gosford Hospital live in these suburbs.

The residents of these suburbs attend Gosford hospital in the event of a Medical emergency. The residents seeking Police assistance are serviced from the Brisbane Water command located in Gosford and the ambulance for this area is dispatched from Point Clare also located within the seat of Robertson.

Local Government

These suburbs are located within the LGA of Gosford and the local government services for this area are also provided by Gosford City Council within the seat of Robertson including local road maintenance, garbage services and sports and cultural facilities provided by council. The residents of

this area access libraries at Gosford or Niagara Park that are both located in the seat of Robertson.

Transport and Bus Routes

These suburbs are connected to Gosford by the Central Coast Highway which is the most direct route to the main centre of Gosford. Travel time is only about 5 minutes from Gosford to North Gosford, Narara and Niagara Park and 10 minutes to Wyoming. The train travel time is much the same.

Travel from these suburbs to the rest of Dobell is either by the F3 expressway or Enterprise Dr which is a back Road through industrial areas. The travel from these areas to Wyong the centre of Dobell is 35 minutes by car and longer by train..

The suburban bus route 38 demonstrate the strong community of interest between Gosford, the Central point of Robertson and the suburbs of North Gosford and Wyoming.

Route 38 : GOSFORD – WYOMING – GOSFORD via Day St then Maidens Brush Rd

From Gosford to Wyoming & Return

From **Gosford (Erina St)** via (R) Mann St, (L) Burns Cr (**Gosford Station**), (L) Mann St, Pacific Hwy, (R) Kinarra Av (**Wyoming Shops**), (L) Day St, Chamberlain Rd (**Wyoming**), (R) Malison St, (R) Maple St, (L) Robert St, (L) Orange Pde, (L) Turpentine St, (R) Warrawilla Rd, (R) Maidens Brush Rd, (R) Jarrett St, (L) Kinarra Av (**Wyoming Shops**), (L) Pacific Hwy, Mann St, (L) Faunce St, (R) Watt St, (R) Erina St (**Gosford**).

Weekday morning trips that start from Ourimbah

From **Ourimbah** via Shirley St, Coachwood Dr, (R) Cutrock Rd, Tuggerah St, (R) Macdonalds Rd, (L) Pacific Hwy (**Lisarow**), (L) Parsons Rd, (R) Newling St, (L) Pacific Hwy, (L) Wyoming Rd (Wyoming), (L) Pacific Hwy, (L) Kinarra Av (**Wyoming Shops**), then normal route through Wyoming to Gosford.

Weekday afternoon trips that continue to Lisarow or Ourimbah

Normal route from Gosford through Wyoming to Chamberlain Rd, then (R) Sunset St, (R) Bourbon St, (R) Wyoming Rd, (L) Pacific Hwy, u-turn at Manns Rd roundabout, Pacific Hwy, (R) Newling St, (L) Parsons Rd, (R) Pacific Hwy (**Lisarow**), (R) Macdonalds Rd, (L) Tuggerah St, Cutrock Rd, (L) Coachwood Dr, Shirley St (**Ourimbah**).

(L) means bus turns left, (R) means bus turns right.

There is no bus route from Wyong, the centre of Dobell to these suburbs.

Many workers who reside in these suburbs commute to Sydney for work. If accessing rail services and seeking a major station they will inevitably attend at Gosford Station in Robertson rather than Tuggerah or Wyong Station in Dobell.

Social Interests

Schools

The children of these suburbs generally attend High Schools in Gosford such as Gosford and Henry Kendall for public education and St Josephs or St Edwards at East Gosford if attending Catholic High Schools or Gosford Christian school(St Phillips) in Narara for non denominational Christian and Anglican schooling. Academically gifted children from these suburbs attend the State select high school at Gosford. All these schools are located in the Seat of Robertson.

Schools of special interest form a strong bond between these communities and Robertson rather than Dobell for example children wishing to emphasize performing arts in their schooling from these and the suburbs further south within Robertson such as Gosford, Springwood, Point Clare, Tascott ,Point Fredrick and the Woy Woy Peninsula attend Lisarow High which specialises in dance and performance education. Children from these suburbs with a particular interest in sports programmes and modern music will enrol at Brisbane Water High. When the new Kariong High School opens it will specialise in the biological sciences and horticulture and will attract specialist enrolment from these suburbs especially given the strong links between these communities and the Somersby and Narara Agricultural Research Facilities.

They clearly see themselves as relating to the southern section of the Central Coast with is the Federal seat of Robertson.

The greatest concern is the splitting of the Suburbs of Narara and Niagara Park between the Federal seats of Robertson and Dobell. Clearly these suburbs are one community as demonstrated by the central focus of the Niagara Park Shopping Centre and associated Youth and community centre and the Primary schools located in these suburbs.

Narara valley Public School located at Newling St, Lisarow NSW 2250 though within Robertson but this school services the children of the entire suburb of Narara including those living on the other side of the Railway track presently located in Dobell.

Niagara Park Public at Narara Valley Drive, Niagara Park though again located in Robertson this school services the children of the entire suburb of Niagara Park including those living on the other side of the Railway track

presently located in Dobell.

Valley View Public School located at Chamberlain Rd, Wyoming NSW 2250 provides primary education and students if continuing at public schools will generally go on to attend Gosford or Henry Kendall High Schools, both located in Gosford. This shows the strong community of interest between Wyoming and Gosford and strongly supports the argument that it should form part of Robertson.

As previously mentioned Lisarow High School serves specialist interests and is located at Chamberlain Road Lisarow in the Seat of Robertson. As the school web site indicates:

'Lisarow High School draws its students from the suburbs north of Gosford and from the semi-rural areas around Lisarow.

This shows a strong community of interest between Lisarow, North Gosford, Wyoming, Narara and Niagara Park and that the secondary and primary school students of this area have a strong connection with educational facilities to the South in Robertson rather than Dobell. The School Education Directors for the NSW State School System use an informal boundary to divide their activities which includes all the school in these suburbs and the balance of the government schools in Robertson.

Churches

The boundaries of the Parishes of all the major Christian denominations – Uniting Church, Anglican and Catholic support unifying the suburbs of Wyoming, Narara, Niagara Park, and North Gosford which are within St Patrick's Catholic Parish Gosford – Mangrove, and totally enclose the proposed new boundaries for Robertson, while the Catholic Parish that serves Erina, North Avoca, Terrigal and Wamberal is the Star of the Sea Parish Terrigal, and is enclosed in the proposed boundaries of Dobell. Importantly, Catholic parishioners in the suburb of Avoca are regarded as members of the Holy Cross Kincumber Parish.

The boundaries for the relevant Anglican Parishes are very similar and support the same apportionment of community of interest as the Catholic Church's boundaries. The Uniting Church does not maintain strict boundaries between the Parishes of the Presbytery of Ku-Ring-Gai but the location of Uniting Churches and anecdotal evidence from Uniting Church Clergy, support the same community of interest boundaries as this submission.

CENTRAL COAST-HUNTER**Division****1. ROBERTSON****19/02/09****16/07/12****94 666****97 591**Less part Gosford East **To Dobell**

-12 257

-12 739

(suburbs of Erina, Nth Avoca and Terrigal)

CCD's 1220205, 9; 1220701, 6, 10, 12-15;

1220901-7, 10-13; 1221001-3, 6-8, 10;

1222308, 13, 16-17

Plus parts of Gosford East and Gosford West

(suburbs of Holgate, Lisarow, Narara, Niagara Park,

Wyoming and Wyoming Balance Ex **Dobell**

Gosford East:

+1 535

+1 559

CCD's 1220201, 12-13

Gosford West:

CCD's 1220202-3, 10-11; 1220301-12

+10 257

+10 564

1220401-6, 9-10, 12

TOTAL**94 201 (-0.2)****96 975 (-2.0)****2. DOBELL****91 455****97 159**Less parts of Gosford East and Gosford West

(suburbs of Holgate, Lisarow, Narara, Niagara Park,

Wyoming and Wyoming Balance **To Robertson**

Gosford East:

-1 535

-1 559

CCD's 1220201, 12-13

Gosford West:

CCD's 1220202-3, 10-11; 1220301-10, 12

-10 170

-10 474

1220401-6, 9-10, 12

Less part Wyong North East **To Shortland**

-3 826

-4 264

(suburb of Blue Haven)

CCD's 1210301, 3-4, 7, 13-16

1211907 Split at railway (assigned to Shortland 150/160)Plus part Gosford East **Ex Robertson**

+12 257

+12 739

(suburbs of Erina, Nth Avoca and Terrigal)

CCD's 1220205, 9; 1220701, 6, 10, 12-15;

1220901-7, 10-13; 1221001-3, 6-8, 10;

1222308, 13, 16-17

Plus part Wyong North East **Ex Shortland**

+7 159

+7 648

(suburbs of Charmhaven, Lake Haven and remainder

of suburb of Gorokan) CCD's 1210401-5, 9-11;

1210912; 1211801-2, 6-15

TOTAL**95 336 (1.0)****101 243 (2.4)**

<u>3. SHORTLAND</u>	93 377	97 613
<u>Less</u> part Wyong North East To Dobell (suburbs of Charmhaven, Lake Haven and remainder of suburb of Gorokan) CCD's 1210401-5, 9-11; 1210912; 1211801-2, 6-15	-7 242	-7 735
<u>Plus</u> part Wyong North East Ex Dobell (suburb of Blue Haven) CCD's 1210301, 3-4, 7, 13-16 1211907 <u>Split</u> at railway (assigned to Shortland 150/160)	+3 826	+4 264
<u>Plus</u> part Lake Macquarie North Ex Charlton (remainder of suburb of Warners Bay plus the suburbs of Cardiff South, Hillsborough and Lakelands) CCD's 1121102-4, 11-12; 1121202, 12; 1121301, 10, 12; 1121410, 12; 1121510;	+5 932	+6 213
<u>TOTAL</u>	95 893 (1.6)	100 355 (1.5)
 <u>4. CHARLTON</u>	 91 554	 95 537
<u>Less</u> part Lake Macquarie North To Shortland (remainder of suburb of Warners Bay plus the suburbs of Cardiff South, Hillsborough and Lakelands) CCD's 1121102-4, 11-12; 1121202, 12; 1121301, 10, 12; 1121410, 12; 1121510	-5 932	-6 213
<u>Plus</u> part Newcastle Outer West Ex Newcastle (all that part not transferred to Paterson except for CCD 1100307)	+5 948	+6 133
<u>Plus</u> part Newcastle Throsby Ex Newcastle (suburb of Kotara) CCD's 1102101-3, 5-6; 1102214, 16	+2 959	+2 987
<u>TOTAL</u>	94 529 (0.2)	98 444 (-0.5)

<u>5. NEWCASTLE</u>	93 547	96 974
<u>Less</u> part Port Stephens To Paterson	-343	-375
CCD 1111206		
<u>Less</u> Maitland To Paterson	-7 643	-8 282
<u>Less</u> part Newcastle Outer West To Paterson	-3 988	-4 061
(Beresfield) CCD's 1100202-9; 1100302		
<u>Less</u> part Newcastle Outer West To Charlton	-5 948	-6 133
(all that part not transferred to Paterson except for CCD 1100307)		
<u>Less</u> part Newcastle Throsby To Charlton	-2 959	-2 987
(suburb of Kotara)		
CCD's 1102101-3, 5-6; 1102214, 16		
<u>Plus</u> part Port Stephens Ex Paterson	+23 005	+24 794
(Nelson Bay) CCD's 1111401-16; 1111501-11; 1111601-12; 1111701-11; 1112001-9		
<u>TOTAL</u>	95 671 (1.4)	99 930 (1.0)
 <u>6. HUNTER</u>	 90 792	 96 505
<u>Plus</u> Mid-Western Regional Pt-A Ex Parkes	+12 462	+12 888
<u>Plus</u> Mid-Western Regional Pt-B Ex Parkes	+2 457	+2 420
<u>Plus</u> Bathurst Regional Pt B Ex Calare	+1 369	+1 426
<u>Less</u> part Maitland To Paterson	-14 772	-16 308
CCD's 1110407-8; 1110504-7, 9, 11-12; 1110601-2, 8; 1110704, 7-9; 1110902-4, 9-10; 1111801-5, 7-11		
<u>TOTAL</u>	92 308 (-2.2)	96 931 (-2.0)

INLAND RURAL NSW

Existing Division's summary

COUNTRY			
1. New England	89 417 (1.7)	92 035 (-2.5)	94 382 (-4.6)
2. Parkes	88 913 (1.2)	89 743 (-4.9)	90 618 (-8.4)
3. Calare	88 122 (0.2)	89 076 (-5.6)	90 473 (-8.5)
4. Farrer	91 857 (4.5)	93 877 (-0.5)	97 032 (-1.9)
5. Riverina	89 396 (1.7)	92 418 (-2.1)	94 827 (-4.1)
6. Hume	87 042 (-1.0)	91 838 (-2.7)	96 133 (-2.8)
			563 465 (-30.3)

It's clear from the above table that the above Divisions are well under quota. Once Mid Western Regional Council from Parkes and Hill End from Calare are transferred into Hunter, the shortfall in electors becomes even more stark. **Nevertheless, the ALP's suggestions allows for the retention of all rural Divisions** whilst at the same time avoiding any need to change the boundaries of Macquarie.

Our solution to the numbers problem in rural Divisions has been to transfer to Farrer from Eden Monaro the LGA's of Tumut and Tumbarumba. But our suggested abolition of the Division of Macarthur allows for a transfer from Macarthur into Hume some 30,000 electors (in current numbers) which are entirely drawn from Wollondilly and Camden LGA's. We keep just over two thirds of the current electors of Hume within that Seat and at the same time as a result of the infusion of electors from Macarthur we are able to transfer electors from Hume into Calare, Farrer and Riverina. The current Hume is a Southern Highlands division with a small rural component. The ALP's suggested Hume retains all of Goulburn and Wingecarribee LGA's in the Seat and consolidates Wollondilly which is already in Hume as well as Camden itself from Camden LGA.

Hume loses Yass LGA to Farrer which also gains Gundagai LGA from Riverina. Farrer with the inclusion of Tumut and Tumbarumba is then able to transfer Broken Hill to Parkes and Hay, Balranald and Wentworth LGA's to Riverina. This Division which is also proposed to gain Harden from Hume then transfers Bland (West Wyalong) LGA to Calare. We also suggest that Calare gain from Hume, Young, Boorowa and most of Upper Lachlan (with the boundary being the same as that between the State Districts of Burrinjuck and Goulburn). Thereby Calare is able to transfer to the Division of Parkes its Western Division component. New England would gain from Parkes, Gunnedah which relates strongly with Tamworth. It would also shed to Parkes, Gwydir and Inverell Pt A.

We think that in 2006, the then Commissioners blinked in the face of a concerted campaign by the National Party which on its face was about the abolition of a country Division but in reality was an attempt to make maximum changes to Calare then held by the late Peter Andren. It is simply not possible to take seriously any argument by the

National Party that size matters particularly when we consider their proposal for the Division immediately north of both the current Calare and Parkes. They have suggested that Maranoa be greatly expanded in size (in Qld).

The LGA's in far western NSW of Brewarrina, Bourke, Central Darling, Cobar and Walgett plus Unincorporated Far Western NSW cover just over one third of the area of NSW. Collectively they contain 11,179 electors or less than one eighth of the quota for a Division. These are all part of the Western Division and have similar interests. The population in these areas look to both Dubbo and Broken Hill. We place them in a Division containing both Broken Hill and Dubbo.

COUNTRY

<u>Division</u>	<u>19/02/09</u>	<u>16/07/12</u>
<u>1. NEW ENGLAND</u>	92 035	94 382
<u>Less</u> Gwydir To Parkes	-1 779	-1 747
<u>Less</u> Inverell Pt A To Parkes	-3 322	-3 426
<u>Plus</u> Gunnedah Ex Parkes	+8 138	+8 175
<u>TOTAL</u>	95 072 (0.8)	97 384 (-1.5)
<u>2. PARKES</u>	89 743	90 618
<u>Less</u> Gunnedah To New England	-8 138	-8 175
<u>Less</u> Mid-Western Regional Pt-A To Hunter	-12 462	-12 888
<u>Less</u> Mid-Western Regional Pt-B To Hunter	-2 457	-2 420
<u>Less</u> Wellington To Calare	-5 567	-5 467
<u>Plus</u> Gwydir Ex New England	+1 779	+1 747
<u>Plus</u> Inverell Pt A Ex New England	+3 322	+3 426
<u>Plus</u> Warren; Bourke; Brewarrina; Bogan; Carrathool; Central Darling; Cobar and Narromine Ex Calare	+16 004	+15 986
<u>Plus</u> Broken Hill; Central Darling; Unincorporated Far West Ex Farrer	+14 704	+14 634
<u>TOTAL</u>	96 928 (2.7)	97 461 (-1.5)
<u>3. CALARE</u>	89 076	90 473
<u>Less</u> Warren; Bourke; Brewarrina; Bogan; Carrathool; Central Darling; Cobar and Narromine To Parkes	-16 004	-15 986
<u>Less</u> Bathurst Regional Pt B To Hunter	-1 369	-1 426
<u>Plus</u> Wellington Ex Parkes	+5 567	+5 467
<u>Plus</u> Bland Ex Riverina	+4 316	+4 339
<u>Plus</u> Boorowa and Young Ex Hume	+10 372	+10 664
<u>Plus</u> part Upper Lachlan Ex Hume	+4 685	+4 755

(all except that in the State District of Goulburn)
 CCD's 1151901-8; 1152001-8; 1152101-6, 11

TOTAL	96 643 (2.4)	98 286 (-0.6)
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4. RIVERINA	92 418	94 827
<u>Less</u> Bland To Calare	-4 316	-4 339
<u>Less</u> Gundagai To Farrer	-2 687	-2 680
<u>Plus</u> Balranald, Hay and Wentworth Ex Farrer	+7 978	+8 039
<u>Plus</u> Harden Ex Hume	+2 745	+2 736

TOTAL	96 138 (1.9)	98 583 (-0.3)
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5. FARRER	93 877	97 032
<u>Less</u> Balranald, Hay and Wentworth To Riverina	-7 978	-8 039
<u>Less</u> Broken Hill; Central Darling; Unincorporated Far West To Parkes	-14 704	-14 634
<u>Plus</u> Gundagai Ex Riverina	+2 687	+2 680
<u>Plus</u> Yass Ex Hume	+9 808	+10 604
<u>Plus</u> Tumbarumba; Tumut Ex Eden Monaro	+10 102	+10 136

TOTAL	93 792 (-0.6)	97 779 (-1.1)
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6. HUME	91 838	96 133
<u>Less</u> Yass To Farrer	-9 808	-10 604
<u>Less</u> Harden To Riverina	-2 745	-2 736
<u>Less</u> Boorowa and Young To Calare	-10 372	-10 664
<u>Less</u> part Upper Lachlan To Calare	-4 685	-4 755

(all except that in the State District of Goulburn)
 CCD's 1151901-8; 1152001-8; 1152101-6, 11

<u>Less</u> Palerang Pt A To Eden Monaro	-2 564	-2 754
<u>Less</u> Palerang Pt B To Eden Monaro	-181	-209
<u>Plus</u> part Wollondilly Ex Macarthur		
All except CCD's 1291205, 9	+13 403	+14 694
<u>Plus</u> part Camden Ex Macarthur	+16 596	+21 658

(south of Cobbitty Rd

to Camden Valley Way and then North West of Camden Bypass

to Nepean River and south of river)

CCD's 1291408-10; 1291501-9, 11, 13-14, 17-18, 20-21;
 1291601-10; 1291905, 7, 10

TOTAL	91 482 (-3.0)	100 763 (1.9)
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