

# **PUBLIC SUGGESTION**

The Federal Redistribution 2009  
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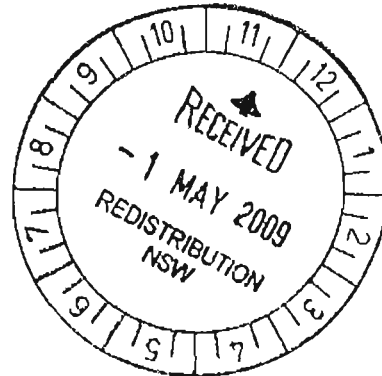
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Dear Commissioners,

For the benefit of the Redistribution Committee for New South Wales, please find attached the suggestions of the National Party of Australia - NSW for your consideration.

Attached is a CD-ROM which includes both this submission and a map for each suggested Division utilising the MapInfo data used by the Australian Electoral Commission.

Yours sincerely,

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## Introduction

The Nationals are the only political Party dedicated to representing the people living in regional Australia.

We believe that regional Australia's voice in the Federal Parliament must be preserved. This is to ensure the interests of people living in the regions are not dominated by city interests and that the Parliament fully reflects the diversity of the nation's communities. The Nationals also believe that regional Australians are entitled to satisfactory access to their elected Member of Parliament. For these reasons, The Nationals remain critical of the current formula for determining federal electorate boundaries which places excessive priority on population levels at the expense of preserving communities of interest, and which fails to ensure that regional federal electorates are maintained at a reasonable size to ensure that people in those areas have ready access to their MP.

Nevertheless, the Party accepts that the AEC must work within the parameters of existing legislation in determining the electoral boundary re-alignments in this redistribution. In this submission, The Nationals have endeavoured to work within these parameters whilst upholding the best interests of regional Australians.

On this basis, The Nationals propose that boundary re-alignment in regional New South Wales be minimised and that the seat that must be abolished should come from the metropolitan area which also contains a number of seats below or just over the lower quota limit.

The 2006 Federal redistribution in New South Wales resulted in the merging of electors in the metropolitan Macquarie division with the non-metropolitan Calare.

The final map also saw the combining of communities such as Moree and Dubbo and the change of Gwydir's name to Parkes.

As the only Party dedicated solely to representing the interests of regional communities, The Nationals advocated the retention of all non-metropolitan electorates. It is with even greater conviction that we submit that another non-metropolitan electorate should not be abolished at this redistribution, and the following suggestions show how that objective is attainable. In this submission, The Nationals define non-metropolitan electorates as the fifteen electorates in Western, Northern and Southern New South Wales up to and including the metropolitan boundary formed by the divisions of Gilmore, Hume, Macquarie, Hunter and Paterson. This compares with the 34 seats in the populous Newcastle-Sydney-Wollongong strip.

In this redistribution The Nationals strongly submit that the 2006 combination of the Central West cities of Bathurst and Lithgow with Blue Mountains communities should not be relied on as a precedent for the further substantial blurring of the divisional boundaries between metropolitan and non-metropolitan divisions.

We strongly suggest that, respecting the strictures of the projected enrolments applying to this redistribution, the non-metropolitan electoral map can be stabilised with no need for substantial further inter-mingling of metropolitan and non-metropolitan divisions, which would erode communities of interest in the affected area.

Further, we suggest that this fresh redistribution provides the opportunity to unwind the unusual combination of Albury and Broken Hill.

We also strongly submit that the building blocks for the current Parkes, namely Dubbo and Moree, should be retained in this latest redistribution.

The Nationals suggest that Banks, in Sydney's south, is the appropriate seat to be abolished in this redistribution. Banks is in the lower half of projected enrolments and currently combines a number of areas which do not share a community of interest and which would be more appropriately apportioned to adjoining seats where these communities share a more ready natural alignment.

### **Quota variation**

The Commonwealth Electoral Act provides a maximum and minimum permissible variation from the average projected enrolment. This variation has been provided by Parliament to ensure that all criteria in Section 66(3)(b) of the Act can be duly considered.

Past practice of Redistribution Commissioners has been to use the full permissible variation to allow sensible boundaries to be drawn. There is no requirement that each seat must be drawn so that their actual enrolment has negligible variation from the quota, or that the projected enrolment should have negligible variation from the average divisional enrolment at the projection time (16 July 2012).

We submit that the Redistribution Committee use this tool to ensure that the issues raised in this submission are addressed.

### **Communities of Interest**

The Nationals' submission has been constructed in accordance with all the guidelines of section 66 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 and respects and preserves communities of interest throughout the state. Our fundamental goal is to ensure this is achieved whilst maintaining viable and serviceable electorates around the state.

This submission also addresses some fundamental anomalies in the current divisional boundaries. For example, the town of Tibooburra or even the city of

Broken Hill in the Western Division, have little in common with the Murray River communities of Albury and Corowa, but are currently in the same division.

In regional areas, Local Government Areas are a reliable indication of communities of interest. Federal and State funded programmes are often delivered on the basis of local government boundaries and, due to their smaller size, local councils are understood and embraced by communities as an epicentre of local activity in regional areas.

Importantly, our submission minimises the number of times local government boundaries are split between two or more divisions for this reason. This occurs on only 20 occasions in our submission, eleven of which follow current divisional boundaries. Other LGAs that are split on the current boundaries are brought within a single division.

In metropolitan areas local government boundaries are arguably less important – sometimes being little more than 'lines on a map'. However, our submission does acknowledge that local government boundaries in some metropolitan areas do in fact define communities of interest.

Means of communication and travel, and the physical characteristics of each electorate, are also appropriately considered in the suggestions for each region and electorate.

### **Community Identity**

Over the past ten years there have been two redistributions of seats in New South Wales. This will be the third, and the second in as many Parliamentary terms that has required the abolition of a New South Wales division.

The Nationals believe that after the upheaval caused to many regional electors by being placed in new seats in the last redistribution, it is important that disruption is minimised on this occasion.

Our submission requires only 12.22% of electors to be transferred to a new division, which is substantially less than the 16.47% of electors who were transferred in the last redistribution.

In non-metropolitan divisions, which were subject to the greatest disruption at the last redistribution due to the abolition of the electorate of Gwydir, only 9.45% of electors need to be transferred under our submission. At the last redistribution 18.24% of electors were transferred to a new division in non-metropolitan areas.

The tyranny of distance ensures that community identity is often more important to regional people than to those living in metropolitan areas. People in regional areas maintain a strong association with their local communities and towns as well as links

to broader familiar regional areas. Maintaining these links is important to maintaining the strong community bonds present in those areas. Similarly, a strong sense of identity is constructed for regional people on the basis of which electorate they live in.

### **Accessibility**

Regional New South Wales already contains ten electorates comprising over 10,000 square kilometres and three of over 100,000 square kilometres.

Abolishing another non-metropolitan electorate would exacerbate the situation where residents in regional areas do not enjoy the ready access to their local Member of Parliament that residents in metropolitan electorates, which often only cover a few suburbs, do.

The abolition of another non-metropolitan seat would force the remaining electorates to increase in size even further than is currently the case, making it even more difficult for regional MPs to effectively service their electorates.

The geographic area of regional electorates should be maintained at as practicable a size as possible to ensure constituents receive the parliamentary representation to which they are entitled. For this reason our submission aims to 'share the pain of redistribution' between the four major western electorates – Parkes, Calare, Farrer and Riverina – while locating major population centres within each and still ensuring the majority of electors in each division have relatively ready access to the MP.

A fundamental aspect of our democratic system is that people should enjoy ready access to their MP. As it is, this is already a challenging role for the 15 regional MPs to fulfill under the current boundaries. The Nationals' proposed realignment of boundaries ensures all regional electorates remain.

### **Structure**

The Nationals' suggestions are broken into three sections. Each section will detail the specific numerical changes proposed for each division along with the arguments to support these changes.

First is a section on the non-metropolitan divisions in western and southern NSW - Parkes, Calare, Farrer, Riverina, Eden-Monaro, Gilmore, Hume and Macquarie.

Second is a section on all divisions between the Queensland border and the Hawkesbury River east of the Dividing Range, plus New England and Hunter.

Third is a section on the metropolitan divisions in Sydney and the Illawarra.

## Western and Southern NSW

Whilst there are divisions in the western and southern areas of the state that are under quota, the two corridors into the Sydney/Illawarra area through Hume and Gilmore may be adjusted quite easily and quotas restored with minimal disruption to the current electoral landscape. In the course of filling these quotas, The Nationals' submission acknowledges that problems exist with the current boundaries in regard to communities of interest, and takes the opportunity to rectify these in suggesting new boundaries.

The most dramatic change concerns Farrer, which pivots to incorporate the communities along the Hume Highway to Yass and loses the areas surrounding Broken Hill which it gained in the 2006 redistribution.

It is noted that that redistribution carved Wilcannia from Broken Hill; two communities intimately linked by both commerce and societal ties.

It is recognised that community of interest ties can be argued between Broken Hill and towns on the lower Murray, such as Wentworth and Balranald. However, combining Broken Hill and the far north west of NSW with Albury should only be considered as a last resort. Far stronger communities of interest exist along the Barrier Highway and the Western Railway Line to the Central West of NSW, a fact recognised by this Party's submission, which places these areas in Calare.

The suggested Farrer thus combines two similar communities of interest based on the Murray River and the Hume Highway - the heart of which is Albury. It is further suggested that the excised area surrounding Broken Hill is at least as well served, if not better, by inclusion in Calare.

The resulting divisions provide continuity with the existing boundaries, ensuring that the vast majority of electors in these areas remain within the same division. Under section 66 of the Act, the committee may consider continuity of previous boundaries when conducting a redistribution. Given the disruption caused by the 2006 redistribution in western NSW, we submit that any new boundaries in this area minimise elector movement between divisions, and that the current divisions remain for the most part in their previous locations.

Finally, it is worth pointing out that the proposed boundaries, whilst satisfying quota and community of interest requirements, divide the large, sparsely populated areas in the west of the state fairly evenly between three electorates, rather than two as is currently the case. Although the committee is not able to consider electorate size directly when determining boundaries, it is suggested that large, disperse electorates do not reflect community of interest as well as divisions which are better contained, as the enormous distances involved necessarily weaken community ties. A responsible submission that ensures divisions adequately reflect communities of interest would therefore seek to avoid the creation of unnecessarily large divisions with disparate communities.



## Calare

### How Constituted

		Current	Projected
<b>From the Former Division of Calare</b>	Cobar LGA	3,046	3,099
	Bogan LGA	1,992	2,002
	Lachlan LGA	4,644	4,610
	Parkes LGA	10,002	10,125
	Forbes LGA	6,570	6,526
	Weddin LGA	2,753	2,752
	Cowra LGA	8,924	9,041
	Blayney LGA	4,779	5,018
	Cabonne LGA	9,106	9,309
	Orange LGA	24,925	25,680
	Part Bathurst Regional LGA <i>Bounded to the south by the boundary of the former Division of Calare</i> That part of Bathurst Regional LGA in the former division of Calare	1,361	1,426
	Part Carrathool LGA <i>Bounded by the southern boundary of the former Division of Calare</i> Including the town of Hillston	1,085	1,062
	Part Central Darling LGA <i>Bounded by the western boundary of the former Division of Calare</i> Including the towns of Wilcannia, White Cliffs and Ivanhoe	741	728
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>79,928</b>	<b>81,378</b>	
<b>From the Former Division of Parkes</b>	Part Wellington LGA <i>Bounded in the north by Lake Burrendong and the Macquarie River to the junction of Burrel Creek, thence south along Burrel Creek, west along Burrel Creek Rd, south along Burrendong Way, west along Dripstone Rd, south along the Mitchell Hwy, north-easterly along the Bell River, west to Dirt Hole Creek, north along Dirt Hole Creek, west along Parkes Rd, Arthurville-Finger Post Rd to western boundary of Dubbo LGA, thence south to the current divisional boundary.</i> Including the towns of Mumbil, Stuart Town and Euchareena	1,028	1,006
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>1,006</b>



<b>From the Former Division of Farrer</b>	Part Central Darling LGA <i>Bounded by the eastern boundary of the former Division of Farrer (remainder of LGA not formerly included in Calare)</i> Including the town of Menindee	415	416
	Broken Hill LGA	13,759	13,705
	Unincorporated Area	523	506
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>14,697</b>	<b>14,627</b>

<b>Total for suggested division</b>	<b>95,653</b>	<b>97,011</b>
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The suggested division of Calare incorporates the middle and lower Lachlan Valley, the Cabonne region and the communities along the Barrier Highway.

The part of the Wellington LGA that is suggested to be transferred to Calare, and the towns along the Burrendong Way in particular, have strong ties with Orange and the Cabonne region; especially in the form of transport links, both road and rail, and communications such as television. This has been recognised by former Commonwealth divisional boundaries (including the 1992 redistribution) which included this part of Wellington LGA in Calare, separate from the northern part of the Shire.

Due to the vast distances involved and the strong links between Broken Hill and South Australia there will always be inherent difficulties in arguing a strong community of interest between Broken Hill, Central Darling Shire and the unincorporated area and other parts of the NSW. However, a strong argument can be made for their inclusion in Calare. Significantly, the current situation whereby Wilcannia and the majority of Central Darling Shire are separated from Broken Hill is untenable.

This suggestion unites the Far West of the state in a single division. Calare already incorporates many of the remote areas of the state formerly grouped together in Parkes prior to the 2006 redistribution, such as Bogan and Cobar Shires and the lower Lachlan Valley. These areas share common features and demographics with the Far West, and this is reinforced by strong transport links, such as the Barrier Highway. Daily public transport to the Far West from the Central West is available along the Mitchell and Barrier Highways. No such connection exists south to the Murray Valley.

## Farrer

### How Constituted

		Current	Projected
From the Former Division of Farrer	Wakool Shire	2,431	2,913
	Murray Shire	4,660	5,107
	Conargo Shire	1,167	1,173
	Deniliquin	5,258	5,209
	Jerilderie Shire	1,187	1,163
	Berrigan Shire	5,755	6,030
	Urana Shire	861	849
	Corowa Shire	8,019	8,255
	Greater Hume Shire	6,964	7,109
	Albury City	31,997	34,171
	Lockhart Shire	2,396	2,380
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>70,695</b>	<b>74,359</b>
From the Former Division of Eden-Monaro	Tumut Shire	7,714	7,768
	Tumbarumba Shire	2,388	2,368
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10,102</b>	<b>10,136</b>
From the Former Division of Riverina	Gundagai Shire	2,687	2,680
	Part Wagga Wagga City <i>Bounded in the north generally by the Hume Highway</i> Including the town of Tarcutta	445	435
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,132</b>	<b>3,115</b>
From the Former Division of Hume	Yass Valley Shire	9,808	10,604
	Part Harden Shire <i>Bounded to the north by the Hume Highway west of its intersection with Jugiong Creek and by Jugiong Creek to the east of that point.</i> Including the town of Jugiong	313	312
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10,121</b>	<b>10,916</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>94,050</b>	<b>98,526</b>

The suggested Farrer incorporates two strong communities of interest – the Murray Valley and the regions along the Hume Highway – linked by the City of Albury which belongs to both regions and is the principal economic and population centre of the division.

The inclusion of Tumut and Tumbarumba Shires in Eden-Monaro is undesirable. Both share much stronger links to the west with Albury and the towns along the Hume Highway than to Queanbeyan and the Monaro. This suggestion recognises the substantial physical barrier and subsequent disparate community of interest

across the Great Dividing Range, which is suggested to be restored as the boundary between Farrer and Eden-Monaro.

The Hume Highway is one of Australia's major road arteries, and this suggestion recognises that a substantial community of interest occurs along its length. The impending completion of the Hume Highway upgrade will only increase the importance of Albury as the commercial hub of the region, and as a major regional centre for the communities of the Yass Valley, Jugiong, Tarcutta and Gundagai included here.

## Eden-Monaro

### How Constituted

		Current	Projected
<b>From the Former Division of Eden-Monaro</b>	Bega Valley Shire	23,195	24,406
	Part Eurobodalla Shire <i>Bounded in the north by the boundary of the former Division of Eden-Monaro</i> Includes the towns of Moruya, Tuross Head, Bodalla, Narooma and Dalmeny	12,881	13,596
	Bombala Shire	1,879	1,891
	Cooma-Monaro Shire	6,901	7,110
	Snowy River Shire	4,305	4,602
	Part Palerang Shire <i>Bounded in the north by the Molongolo River, east along Briars Sharrow Rd, Hoskinstown Rd, Rossi Rd to the boundary of the former Shire of Tallaganda, thence south to the Palerang LGA boundary.</i> Includes the town of Captain's Flat	2,131	2,362
	Queanbeyan City	25,550	27,731
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>76,842</b>	<b>81,698</b>
<b>From the Former Division of Gilmore</b>	Part Eurobodalla Shire <i>Bounded in the north by the Eurobodalla LGA boundary</i> Remainder of Eurobodalla LGA - includes Batemans Bay and southern satellites, and Durras	13,125	14,164
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>13,125</b>	<b>14,146</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>89,967</b>	<b>95,862</b>

The suggested Eden-Monaro would, once again, be bounded in the west by the Snowy Mountains and the ACT, and combine the Far South Coast with the Monaro and Queanbeyan.

The suggested Eden-Monaro re-establishes a significant community of interest by including the entire Shire of Eurobodalla in a single division. At the last redistribution Batemans Bay was transferred to Gilmore, isolating the southern end of the shire from the economic centre of the region. This suggestion returns to the former boundary and resolves the split of the Eurobodalla Shire.

**Gilmore**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Gilmore</b>	Shoalhaven LGA	66,089	69,110
	Part Kiama LGA <i>Bounded in the north by the boundary of the former Division of Gilmore</i> Includes most of Kiama LGA except Kiama Downs, Jamberoo and Minnamurra	9,114	9,475
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>75,203</b>	<b>78,585</b>
	<b>From the former Division of Hume</b>		
Part Wingecarribee LGA <i>Bounded to the north by the Nepean River west to Doudles Folly Creek, west along said creek and Tourist Rd, south along Kangaloon Rd, Sheepwash Rd, Nowra Rd Wilde's Meadow Ck and Yarrunga Ck</i> Includes Robertson and Burrawang	2,178	2,297	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,178</b>	<b>2,297</b>	
<b>From the former Division of Throsby</b>			
Part Kiama LGA <i>Bounded in the north by the northern boundary of the Kiama LGA</i> Includes Kiama Downs, Jamberoo and Minnamurra	4,806	4,838	
Part Shellharbour LGA <i>Bounded in the north by the LGA boundary to Princes and Illawarra Hwy, Frazers Creek, Croome Rd, Rocklow Ck, Minnamurra River to the coast.</i> Includes Albion Park	9,069	9,878	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>13,875</b>	<b>14,716</b>	
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>91,256</b>	<b>95,598</b>

The suggested Gilmore encompasses the near south coast and Shoalhaven, extending up the Kangaroo Valley to incorporate Robertson. It remains a rural/coastal seat and does not extend significantly north into the Shellharbour metropolitan area.

The northern boundary of this division follows the boundary of the current NSW State Electoral District of Kiama fairly closely – although not extending quite as far into the outer suburbs of Shellharbour as its state counterpart in order to ensure the division maintains its non-metropolitan character with stronger community of interest ties.

There is strong precedent for the inclusion of Robertson in Gilmore - parts of Wingecarribee Shire have been included in the Division of Gilmore until as recently

as 2006 and the State District of Kiama includes Robertson, separating that community from the remainder of Wingecarribee. There is a good road link down into both Shellharbour/Kiama (via the Illawarra Highway) and down the Kangaroo Valley into Nowra. Robertson, like much of Gilmore, is a community based around grazing/dairying and tourism.

The suburbs of Kiama Downs, Minnamurra and Jamberoo are all part of the Kiama LGA and are excised from the remainder of the shire under the current boundaries. This suggestion incorporates them with the rest of the shire into Gilmore, recreating a strong community of interest.

Albion Park is also included in the State District of Kiama. Geographically it is roughly equidistant from the Shellharbour CBD and the northern parts of Kiama, and is an entity distinct from the remainder of the Shellharbour LGA. Like Kiama, it plays a large role as a southern satellite of Wollongong, and thus shares much in common with the northern areas of Gilmore.

## Hume

### How Constituted

		Current	Projected
<b>From the Former Division of Hume</b>	Goulburn-Mulwaree Shire	18,691	19,167
	Part Palerang Shire <i>Bounded in the south by the boundary of the former Division of Hume</i> Includes the town of Sutton	2,719	2,933
	Upper Lachlan Shire	5,486	5,564
	Part Harden Shire <i>Bounded to the south by Jugiong Ck and the Hume Hwy</i> Includes the towns of Harden, Murrumburrah and Galong	2,432	2,424
	Boorowa Shire	1,818	1,799
	Young Shire	8,554	8,865
	Part Wingecarribee Shire <i>All Wingecarribee Shire except that part bounded to the north by the Nepean River west to Doudles Folly Creek, west along said creek and Tourist Rd, south along Kangaloon Rd, Sheepwash Rd, Nowra Rd Wilde's Meadow Ck and Yarrunga Ck</i> Includes all major centres in Wingecarribee Shire except the towns of Robertson and Burrawang	29,055	30,783
	Part Wollondilly Shire <i>Bounded by the eastern boundary of the former Division of Hume</i> Includes the towns of Thirlmere, Buxton, Tahmoor and Bargo	10,753	11,344
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>79,508</b>	<b>82,879</b>

<b>From the Former Division of Macarthur</b>	Part Wollondilly Shire <i>Bounded to the north by the former boundary of the division of Macarthur, to the east by the eastern boundary of Wollondilly Shire south to Cawdor Rd, thence south along Cawdor Rd and Old Razorback Rd, east along Remembrance Driveway, south in a straight line along Donald's Range Rd extended to Nepean River, east along Nepean River, south along Douglas Park Dr, west along Wilton Rd, south along Macarthur Rd and Mt. Keira Rd to Wollondilly Shire Boundary, south along said boundary to boundary of former Division of Hume</i> Includes the towns of Picton and The Oaks	8,784	9,424
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8,784</b>	<b>9,424</b>



<b>From the Former Division of Eden-Monaro</b>	Part Palerang Shire <i>Bounded in the south by the Molongolo River, east along Briars Sharrow Rd, Hoskinstown Rd, Rossi Rd to the boundary of the former Shire of Tallaganda, thence south to the Palerang LGA boundary.</i> Includes the towns of Braidwood and Bungendore	4,631	5,318
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,631</b>	<b>5,318</b>

<b>Total for suggested division</b>	<b>92,923</b>	<b>97,621</b>
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Under this proposal Hume remains primarily a rural seat, extending from the Central Tablelands through the Southern Highlands to the rural areas on the fringes of Sydney. In the south, Hume extends across the Southern Tablelands to Bungendore and Braidwood.

The suggested Hume incorporates the rural portion of Wollondilly, whilst retaining those areas that are strongly associated with Camden and Campbelltown in Macarthur. The Hume corridor is one of the most feasible instruments for the absorption of voters from the Sydney basin by non-metropolitan divisions, accomplished here without compromising the distinctly rural nature of the seat or the communities of interest in the east of Wollondilly Shire, such as Menangle (closely linked with Camden) or Appin (with Campbelltown).

Although in close proximity to Queanbeyan, the pastoral communities of Braidwood and Bungendore are demographically similar to other Southern Tablelands communities already included in Hume. The extension of the Upper Shoalhaven Valley south from Braidwood means that the southern part of the suggested Hume has a rather interesting shape, but it must be stressed that this is a valley, surrounded on all sides by mountains with poor road access except north through Braidwood, and should therefore be included as a continuous area.

## Riverina

### How Constituted

		Current	Projected
<b>From the Former Division of Riverina</b>	Part Wagga Wagga City <i>Except that part bounded to the north by the Hume Highway</i> Includes all major centres in Wagga Wagga LGA except the town of Tarcutta	39,101	41,176
	Junee Shire	3,662	3,722
	Temora Shire	4,361	4,342
	Bland Shire	4,316	4,339
	Coolamon Shire	2,896	2,966
	Narrandera Shire	4,310	4,251
	Leeton Shire	7,268	7,186
	Griffith Shire	15,581	15,919
	Part Carrathool Shire <i>Bounded to the north by the boundary of the former division of Riverina</i> Includes the towns of Rankins Springs, Goolgowi and Carathool	770	775
	Cootamundra Shire	5,491	5,521
	Murrumbidgee Shire	1,530	1,515
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>89,286</b>	<b>91,712</b>	
<b>From the Former Division of Farrer</b>	Hay Shire	2,221	2,192
	Balranald Shire	1,565	1,540
	Wentworth Shire	4,192	4,307
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7,978</b>	<b>8,039</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>97,264</b>	<b>99,751</b>

The suggested electorate follows the Sturt Highway and the Murrumbidgee River west to include Hay and Balranald and then along the Murray to Wentworth. These western river towns, like their neighbours already within Riverina, rely heavily on irrigation agriculture as the mainstay of their economies.

Hay was until 2006 part of the Riverina electorate, and all three shires are connected more directly to Wagga Wagga along the Sturt Highway than they are to Albury.

Although arguments can be made for these areas to be included in both Riverina and Farrer, these ties are considered stronger with Riverina due to the genuine community of interest that follows intensive irrigated agriculture west along the Murrumbidgee River.

## Macquarie

### How Constituted

		Current	Projected
From the former Division of Macquarie	Part Bathurst Regional LGA <i>Bounded to the north-west by the boundary of the former Division of Macquarie</i> Includes Greater Bathurst City and the town of Rockley	23,268	23,788
	Oberon LGA	3,475	3,533
	Lithgow LGA	14,033	14,342
	Blue Mountains LGA	54,459	56,127
	<b>Total for suggested division</b>	<b>95,235</b>	<b>97,790</b>

Macquarie suffered a massive change in its boundaries and its demography in the 2006 redistribution. As it falls within quota for projected enrolment, it is left virtually unchanged for the sake of continuity.

The only change that is suggested to Macquarie is that the Bilpin/Mt Tomah stretch of Bells Line of Road be reunited with the rest of the Hawkesbury LGA in Greenway, so that the boundary between Macquarie and Greenway is better defined.

## Parkes

### How Constituted

		Current	Projected	
<b>From the Former Division of Parkes</b>	Walgett Shire	3,842	3,784	
	Coonamble Shire	2,715	2,720	
	Gilgandra Shire	3,057	3,013	
	Dubbo City	25,547	26,443	
	Part Wellington Shire <i>Bounded in the south by Lake Burrendong and the Macquarie River to the junction of Burrel Creek, thence south along Burrel Creek, west along Burrel Creek Rd, south along Burrendong Way, west along Dripstone Rd, south along the Mitchell Hwy, north-easterly along the Bell River, west to Dirt Hole Creek, north along Dirt Hole Creek, west along Parkes Rd, Arthurville-Finger Post Rd to western boundary of Dubbo LGA, thence south to the current divisional boundary.</i> Includes Wellington and Geurie	4,539	4,461	
	Mid-Western Regional LGA	14,844	15,236	
	Warrumbungle Shire	7,104	7,022	
	Gunnedah Shire	8,138	8,175	
	Narrabri Shire	8,776	8,632	
	Moree Plains Shire	7,948	7,961	
	Part Gwydir Shire <i>Bounded to the south by the boundary of the former Division of Parkes</i> Including the towns of Warialda, Gravesend and North Star	2,080	2,039	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>88,590</b>	<b>89,486</b>	
	<b>From the Former Division of Calare</b>	Brewarrina Shire	877	872
		Bourke Shire	1,729	1,739
Warren Shire		2,023	1,998	
Narromine Shire		4,476	4,452	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>9,105</b>	<b>9,061</b>	
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>97,695</b>	<b>98,547</b>	

The suggested Parkes maintains the strong community of interest of the former division, whilst correcting a major anomaly associated with that division – the separation of Dubbo from the lower Macquarie Valley shires of Narromine and Warren. The suggested Division covers most of the western plains, serviced by the city of Dubbo, and encompasses the lower parts of the Gwydir, Barwon, Castlereagh and Macquarie catchments.

The lower Macquarie Valley towns of Narromine, Trangie and Warren all identify strongly with Dubbo – it is the focal point for commerce and entertainment in the area as well as a major source of local media.

The growing importance of water allocations as a focal point of national debate also demands that sensitive catchment areas such as the lower Macquarie be considered a community of interest. Irrigation and grazing advocacy groups such as Macquarie River Food and Fibre and the Macquarie Marshes Environmental Landholders Association span the boundary between Calare and Parkes. Moving Narromine and Warren Shires to Parkes ensures this region has a stronger voice and better forum with which to deal with such sensitive issues. Additionally, the importance of irrigated agriculture to these areas over the past few decades has strengthened commercial ties with Moree and Narrabri.

Like the lower Macquarie, the towns along the Darling River have come to rely more heavily on irrigated agriculture. Despite the distances involved, Bourke and Brewarrina look to Dubbo as their major regional centre, and both share strong historic and demographic links with Walgett.

## North Eastern NSW

One of the most important physical features of the NSW electoral map is the Hawkesbury River at Broken Bay. These suggestions respect that natural boundary.

That does, however, block attempts to address the enrolment imbalance between Sydney divisions and those in the State's North East.

Similarly, the significant physical boundaries of the Goulburn River and the Wollemi National Park block the transfer of electors from the Hunter and the Central Coast into Greenway and Macquarie in the west.

For this reason any movement of electors in these seats must come through the seat of Parkes, the eastern boundaries of which currently follow both LGA boundaries (or former LGA boundaries) and are quite logical when communities of interest are taken into consideration.

Taking into account all of these factors and acknowledging:

- a) That there are sufficient electors in the North East of the state to ensure that all seats meet quota; and
- b) That this part of the state, (in particular the North Coast) is likely to maintain a healthy rate of growth into the foreseeable future;

The Nationals submit that these divisions are justified in having a lower mean projected enrolment than the remainder of the state, whilst satisfying all legislative requirements for this redistribution (i.e. all have projected enrolments greater than 95,445).

Of all these divisions, only Lyne and New England are currently under quota.

While the boundaries of the North East divisions can remain relatively stable, it is suggested that there be some 'tidying up' of the current boundaries between Lyne and Cowper, between Page and Cowper and between Paterson, Hunter and Newcastle. The following suggestions address these issues and ensure all divisions satisfy the quota requirements.

## New England

### How constituted

		Current	Projected
<b>From the Former Division of New England</b>	Part Gwydir Shire <i>Bounded in the north by the boundary of the former Division of New England</i> Including the towns of Bingara and Upper Horton	1,779	1,747
	Inverell Shire	10,874	11,124
	Tamworth Region	38,026	39,429
	Liverpool Plains Shire	5,286	5,296
	Walcha Shire	2,300	2,301
	Armidale-Dumaresq Shire	15,532	15,962
	Uralla Shire	4,220	4,241
	Guyra Shire	3,016	3,063
	Glen Innes-Severn Shire	6,288	6,393
	Tenterfield Shire	4,629	4,734
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>91,950</b>	<b>94,290</b>	
<b>From the Former Division of Hunter</b>	Part Upper Hunter Shire <i>Bounded to the east and south by the former boundary of the Shire of Murrurundi</i> Including the towns of Murrurundi and Blandford	1,038	1,042
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,038</b>	<b>1,042</b>
<b>From the Former Division of Page</b>	Part Kyogle Shire <i>Bounded to the south by Eight Day Ck, South Yabbra Forest Rd, Clarence Way, North Yabbra Forest Rd, Dome Rd, north to Tick Fence Rd and along this road, Summerland Way and Mt Lindsay Rd to the Qld border.</i> Includes the town of Woodenbong	383	393
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>393</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>93,371</b>	<b>95,725</b>

The current western boundary of New England demarcates quite effectively the pastoral areas of the New England Plateau from the agricultural areas to the west, and these suggestions leave this boundary unchanged. New England meets the new quota requirements with the addition of Woodenbong from Page in the north and the remainder of the old Murrurundi Shire from Hunter in the south.

Woodenbong lies on the border between Kyogle and Tenterfield Shires. The surrounding area is isolated and mountainous, and the nearest town, Urbenville, is located in New England. LGA boundaries in this area have often been ignored when



electoral boundaries have been determined. Recent examples are the 1992 Federal redistribution and the current NSW state electoral boundaries.

It is suggested that the community of interest in the Woodenbong/Urbenville district be recognised and the area be included in a single division – in this case New England. The Mt Lindsay Rd links these communities with the remainder of Tenterfield Shire and the New England Highway. Further, the pastoral nature of the area sits comfortably with New England's demographics.

In the south of division, New England already incorporates the northern part of the old Murrurundi LGA, and there is a substantial community of interest across the existing electoral boundary at this point. The Nationals' submission unites the entirety of the former Murrurundi Shire in New England. Strong transport and commercial links also exist up the New England Highway to Tamworth, which is the nearest regional centre.

## Cowper

### How constituted

		Current	Projected
<b>From the former Division of Cowper</b>	Part Clarence Valley Shire <i>Bounded in the north by the boundary of the former Division of Cowper, south along the Clarence River to the Coldstream River, south along the Coldstream River, Eight Mile Lane, the Pacific Highway, west along Halfway and Dundoo Creeks, south along Sherwood Ck to the Coffs Harbour LGA boundary</i> Includes the towns of Tucabia and Maclean	5,287	5,652
	Coffs Harbour Shire	47,095	50,620
	Bellingen Shire	8,995	9,332
	Nambucca Shire	13,233	13,765
	Part Kempsey Shire <i>Bounded in the south from the LGA boundary by Taylor's Arm Rd, Chain O' Ponds Road, White Rocks Road, Jack Lane Rd, west along Armidale Rd, south along Link Rd, west along Sherwood Rd to the Macleay River and the boundary of the former Division of Lyne</i> Includes all major population centres in Kempsey LGA except South Kempsey and Crescent Head	15,733	16,427
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>90,343</b>	<b>95,796</b>
<b>From the Former Division of Page</b>	Part Clarence Valley Shire <i>Bounded by the Clarence River west from Clarence Head to the boundary of the former Division of Cowper</i> Includes the towns of Yamba and Angourie	4,851	5,202
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,851</b>	<b>5,202</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>95,194</b>	<b>100,998</b>

The current Cowper contains two anomalies. The first is the somewhat irregular boundary along the south bank of the Clarence River. The second is the inappropriate use of the Macleay River as a divisional boundary to the west of Kempsey. The former will be dealt with here, the latter in the discussion of the suggested Lyne.

This suggestion unites the community of interest that exists between the towns of Maclean and Yamba. Maclean is currently isolated from both Yamba in the east and Grafton in the west. The suggested Cowper recognises and establishes the strong

community of interest on the south bank of the Clarence by uniting Maclean and Yamba in Cowper.

To balance the inclusion of Yamba in Cowper, some areas to the south-east of Grafton have been moved from Cowper to Page. This satisfies community of interest requirements, as these districts gravitate to Grafton as a major regional centre, and the new boundaries include the Coldstream River and the Pacific Highway – both strong physical features.

**Page**

*How constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Page</b>	Part Kyogle Shire <i>Bounded to the north by Eight Day Ck, South Yabbra Forest Rd, Clarence Way, North Yabbra Forest Rd, Dome Rd, north to Tick Fence Rd and along this road, Summerland Way and Mt Lindsay Rd to the Qld border.</i> Includes all major centres in Kyogle LGA except the town of Woodenbong	6,003	6,168
	Richmond Valley Shire	14,935	15,757
	Part Lismore City <i>Bounded to the north by the boundary of the former division of Page</i> Includes Lismore, Goonellabah, North Woodburn	23,211	24,177
	Part Ballina Shire <i>Bounded to the north by the boundary of the former division of Page</i> Includes all major centres in Ballina LGA except the towns of Lennox Head and Skennars Head	21,794	22,620
	Part Clarence Valley LGA <i>Bounded to the east by the boundary of the former division of Page north to the Clarence River, and east along that river (via the south arm) to the coast.</i> Includes all major centres in Clarence Valley LGA except the former shire of Ulmarra, Cowper, Maclean, Yamba, Angourie and Tucabia	22,652	23,278
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>88,595</b>	<b>92,000</b>
<b>From the Former Division of Richmond</b>	Part Lismore City <i>Bounded to the north by Terania Ck, east along Rocky Ck, The Channon Rd, Dunoon Rd, Duncan Rd, Hunters Hill Rd, Corndale Rd, James Gibson Rd to the eastern boundary of Lismore LGA</i> Includes the towns of Clunes and Modanville	1,782	1,853
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>1,853</b>

<b>From the former Division of Cowper</b>	Part Clarence Valley LGA <i>Bounded in the east by the Coldstream River, south along Eight Mile Lane, the Pacific Highway, west along Halfway and Dundoo Creeks, south along Sherwood Ck to the Coffs Harbour LGA boundary</i> Includes the towns of Ulmarra and Cowper	1,798	1,952
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,798</b>	<b>1,952</b>

<b>Total for suggested division</b>	<b>92,175</b>	<b>95,805</b>
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Changes have been suggested to the boundaries of Page with New England and Cowper to better address community of interest considerations in those areas. As a result, Page needs to gain electors, which can only be achieved by adjusting the boundary with Richmond. It is suggested that more of the rural areas in the north of the Lismore LGA be added to Page. Being in close proximity to Lismore, and situated within the same LGA, there is an obvious community of interest served by this adjustment to the boundary, as well as ensuring both electorates achieve a projected enrolment within the acceptable range.

## Richmond

### How constituted

	Current	Projected	
<b>From the former Division of Richmond</b>	Tweed Shire	57,467	62,173
	Byron Shire	20,411	21,116
	Part Lismore Shire <i>Bounded to the south by Terania Ck, east along Rocky Ck, The Channon Rd, Dunoon Rd, Duncan Rd, Hunters Hill Rd, Corndale Rd, James Gibson Rd to the eastern boundary of Lismore LGA</i> Includes the towns of Nimbin, the Channon, Dunoon	4,535	4,731
	Part Ballina Shire <i>Bounded to the south by the boundary of the former Division of Richmond</i> Includes the towns of Lennox Head and Skennars Head	6,833	7,751
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>89,246</b>	<b>95,771</b>

<b>Total for suggested division</b>	<b>89,246</b>	<b>95,771</b>
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Sharing a boundary with only the division of Page, no other changes are possible to Richmond beyond those previously mentioned. Richmond is suggested to be made slightly smaller by transferring to Page more of the Lismore LGA, such that Richmond only includes areas farther from the town of Lismore.

## Lyne

### How constituted

		Current	Projected
<b>From the former Division of Lyne</b>	Part Kempsey Shire <i>Bounded by the northern boundary of the former Division of Lyne</i> Includes Crescent Head	1,819	1,874
	Part Greater Taree Shire <i>Bounded to the south by a line running west from the coast along the southern boundaries of Khappinghat National Park and Kiwarra State Forest, along Old Solidiers Road, thence south along The Lakes Way to the divisional boundary</i> Includes most major population centres in Grater Taree LGA except Diamond Beach, Hallidays Point, Black Head and Tallwoods Village	31,262	32,162
	Port Macquarie-Hastings LGA	51,987	55,986
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>85,068</b>	<b>90,022</b>
<b>From the former Division of Paterson</b>	Part Great Lakes LGA <i>Bounded to the south by Bungwahl Creek and the Wallamba River</i> Includes Nabiac	800	887
	Gloucester LGA	3,687	3,770
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,487</b>	<b>4,657</b>
<b>From the former Division of Cowper</b>	Part Kempsey Shire <i>Bounded in the north from the LGA boundary by Taylor's Arm Rd, Chain O' Ponds Road, White Rocks Road, Jack Lane Rd, west along Armidale Rd, south along Link Rd, west along Sherwood Rd to the Macleay River and the boundary of the former Division of Lyne</i> The remainder of the Upper Macleay Valley, including Bellbrook	921	916
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>916</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>90,476</b>	<b>95,595</b>

Lyne falls below the quota for projected enrolment, and needs to expand. It is suggested, therefore, that Gloucester LGA and the upper Macleay Valley be added to Lyne, and the town of Nabiac be added from Paterson while the Diamond Beach/Hallidays Point area is transferred to Paterson.



Gloucester has strong ties east to the Greater Taree area. These areas share common river catchments, transport links (both road and rail) and industry base, with agriculture, in particular beef and dairying, being the dominant feature of both regions. The inclusion of Gloucester is the first logical step in any expansion of Lyne.

The current boundary between Lyne and Cowper to the west of Kempsey follows the Macleay River. Whilst this appears at face value to be a strong boundary, it ignores the fact that the lone sealed road along the upper Macleay Valley (Armidale Road) runs along the north side of the river. Principal transport links from the south side of the Macleay run north over the river to Armidale Road and down the valley. A significant community of interest therefore spans the river so this suggestion includes the entirety of the Upper Macleay Valley in Lyne. The boundary in this area becomes the Nambucca/Kempsey LGA boundary – well defined and quite effectively separating the Macleay from Taylors Arm to the north.

The coastal towns around Diamond Beach are suggested to be transferred from Lyne to Paterson, as they have stronger community of interest ties, and are closer to the coastal centre of Forster than to Taree. In order to address the ensuing imbalance of electors between Lyne and Paterson, the rural centre of Nahiack on the Pacific Highway is transferred from Paterson to Lyne. Nahiack is roughly equidistant from Taree and Forster, but shares a much stronger community of interest with Taree due to its rural rather than coastal nature.

## **Paterson, Hunter and Newcastle**

Suggested changes to the boundaries between Hunter and New England have been previously described, as have changes to the boundaries between Paterson and Lyne. Paterson, Hunter and Newcastle are discussed together here because the boundaries in question all concern the confluence of these divisions in the City of Maitland. Under these constraints the partition of the Maitland LGA is unavoidable and, indeed, is a feature of the current boundaries. However, the current boundaries divide the City of Maitland rather arbitrarily, and as a result suburbs located in close proximity to the CBD are placed in different electorates. For example, whilst the river is a strong natural boundary, its use in the current electoral boundaries divides the suburb of Lorn from the CBD, with which it shares close proximity and strong community of interest ties.

The Nationals' suggestions restore to Hunter those suburbs closest to the Maitland CBD, whilst dividing the suburbs east of Metford Rd and Four Mile Creek between Paterson and Newcastle using the Newcastle-Maitland Railway as a solid boundary.

**Paterson**  
How constituted

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Paterson</b>	Dungog Shire	6,073	6,154
	Part Great Lakes Shire <i>Bounded to the north by Bungwahl Creek and the Wallamba River</i> Includes most major population centres in Great Lakes LGA except Nabiac	24,845	26,816
	Part Port Stephens Shire <i>Bounded by the southern boundary of the former Division of Paterson</i> Includes most major population centres in Port Stephens LGA	41,879	45,367
	Part Maitland Shire <i>Bounded to the south by the Newcastle-Maitland Railway heading north-west from the former divisional boundary to Metford Rd, generally north along Metford Rd and Tank St to the Hunter River, west along the river to Sharkey's Lane (Lorn), north along Sharkey's Lane, west along Melrose St and a straight line thence to the Hunter River and the former divisional boundary.</i> Includes Morpeth and Bolwarra	4,226	4,649
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>77,023</b>	<b>82,986</b>
<b>From the former Division of Lyne</b>	Part Greater Taree LGA <i>Bounded to the north by a line running west from the coast along the southern boundaries of Khappinghat National Park and Kiwarrak State Forest, along Old Soldiers Road, thence south along The Lakes Way to the divisional boundary</i> Includes Diamond Beach, Black Head, Halliday's Point and Tallwood Village.	2,095	2,498
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>2,498</b>

<b>From the former Division of Newcastle</b>	Part Port Stephens Shire <i>Bounded to the south by the north shore of Fullerton Cove, by a property boundary to Nelson Bay Road north of Newcastle Golf Club, along Nelson Bay Road and Coxs Lane to the coast.</i> Includes Williamtown, Heatherbrae and Fullerton Cove	1,483	1,616
	Part Maitland LGA <i>Bounded to the south by the Newcastle-Maitland Railway Line to the Hunter River.</i> Includes Thornton and Woodberry	7,670	8,571
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>9,153</b>	<b>10,187</b>
<b>From the former Division of Hunter</b>	Part Maitland Shire <i>Bounded in the south by the Hunter River running east from the western boundary of Maitland LGA to the former divisional boundaries</i>	446	482
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>482</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>88,717</b>	<b>96,153</b>

It is suggested that, in the east, the boundary between Paterson and Newcastle shift down to the outer edge of the urban areas north of Stockton and elsewhere to the shores of Fullerton Cove. This largely divides the area along LGA boundaries. However Fern Bay, in Port Stephens LGA, is included in Newcastle due to its proximity to Stockton. The suburbs of Woodberry and Thornton, formerly in Newcastle, are transferred to Paterson. They have strong transport links through to Raymond Terrace, and the railway line forms a strong boundary at this point.

The suburbs of Raworth, Tenambit and Lorn are ceded to Hunter, Metford is transferred to Newcastle and the pastoral area north of the Hunter and to the west of Maitland is returned to Paterson, which already covers all other rural areas within the LGA that lie north of the river, thus restoring a strong community of interest.

**Hunter**  
How constituted

		Current	Projected
<b>From the former Division of Hunter</b>	Singleton Shire	14,616	15,733
	Muswellbrook Shire	9,631	10,080
	Cessnock Shire	33,462	35,151
	Part Upper Hunter Shire <i>Bounded in the north by the southern and eastern boundaries of the former shire of Murrurundi</i> Includes all major centres in Upper Hunter LGA except Murrurundi & Blandford	8,239	8,307
	Part Maitland Shire <i>Bounded to the south by the Hunter River running from the LGA boundary east to the boundary of the former division of Hunter, thence along that boundary to Tank St, thence south along Tank St, Metford Rd, Chelmsford Drive, unnamed creek and Shamrock Hill Creek to the LGA boundary, east along said boundary to the former divisional boundary.</i> Includes Maitland, East Maitland, Telarah, Rutherford, Lochinvar	18,557	19,950
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>84,505</b>	<b>89,221</b>
<b>From the former Division of Paterson</b>	Part Maitland Shire <i>Bounded to the north by from Metford Rd and Tank St to the Hunter River, west along the river to Sharkey's Lane (Lorn), north along Sharkey's Lane, west along Melrose St and a straight line thence to the Hunter River and the former divisional boundary.</i> Includes Lorn, Tenambit, Raworth	6,053	6,241
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6,053</b>	<b>6,241</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>90,558</b>	<b>95,462</b>

Under this suggestion, Hunter regains most of Maitland, losing the aforementioned area north of the river to Paterson and the suburb of Ashtonfield to Hunter. Maitland remains an important regional centre, and this proposal restores to the city centre a large part of the more established areas in East Maitland and across the river in Lorn.

The suggested Hunter is very similar to its current boundaries. Whilst it loses some of the more remote rural centres in the north, the compensating gains are accomplished entirely within the Maitland LGA. The integrity of the southern boundary (corresponding to the southern boundary of Cessnock LGA) is maintained, ensuring that Hunter remains a regional seat, centred on Cessnock, Singleton and Maitland, and does not encroach into Newcastle or the Lake Macquarie area.

**Newcastle**  
*How constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Newcastle</b>	Newcastle LGA	82,640	85,154
	Part Port Stephens LGA <i>Bounded to the north by the north shore of Fullerton Cove, by a property boundary to Nelson Bay Road north of Newcastle Golf Club, along Nelson Bay Road and Coxs Lane to the coast.</i> Includes Fern Bay	1,020	1,173
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>83,660</b>	<b>86,327</b>
<b>From the former Division of Paterson</b>	Part Maitland LGA <i>Bounded to the north by the Newcastle-Maitland Railway Line</i> Includes Metford	3,127	3,229
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,127</b>	<b>3,229</b>
<b>From the former Division of Hunter</b>	Part Maitland LGA <i>Bounded to the west by the Maitland/Cessnock LGA boundary, Shamrock Hill Rd and an unnamed creek to and the New England Highway and the boundary of the former Division of Hunter.</i> Includes Ashtonfield	3,869	4,671
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,869</b>	<b>4,671</b>
<b>From the former Division of Charlton</b>	Part Newcastle LGA <i>Bounded in the south by Robert St, Newcastle Road, south and west along property boundaries and unmarked roads surrounding the Birchgrove Drive development to the boundary of the former Division of Newcastle</i> Includes parts of Wallsend	1,383	1,437
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,383</b>	<b>1,437</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>92,039</b>	<b>95,664</b>

Due to their proximity to Newcastle, the newer, outlying areas of Maitland can quite easily be absorbed into the Division of Newcastle. They share many common aspects with similar suburbs in the outer areas of Newcastle, and are located only a little farther away, well linked by both road and suburban rail networks. It is suggested that Newcastle gain the eastern suburbs of Maitland south of the railway

line: Ashtonville from Hunter and Metford from Paterson, joining them with Beresfield which is already in the division of Newcastle.

To the south, Newcastle gains that part of Wallsend bounded by Robert St and Newcastle Rd from Charlton. This is a well-bounded area contiguous with areas to the east which are already in Newcastle. Further east, Newcastle also gains the newer housing estate centred on Birchgrove Rd, and the older part of the suburb between this estate and Newcastle Rd. The former is a new suburb quite distinct from the surrounding areas, and can easily be moved as a whole, and the latter is contiguous with the small triangle of residential streets across Newcastle Road and already in the Division of Newcastle. These additions readily compensate Newcastle for those areas that are suggested to be transferred to Paterson to better address community of interest considerations in that division.



## Charlton

### How constituted

		Current	Projected
<b>From the former Division of Charlton</b>	Part Newcastle LGA <i>Bounded in the north by the former divisional boundary east and south to Robert St, east along Newcastle Road, south and west along property boundaries and unmarked roads surrounding the Birchgrove Drive development to the divisional boundary</i> Includes most of Wallsend, Maryland and Ellermore Vale	17,912	18,635
	Part Lake Macquarie LGA <i>Bounded in the east by the boundary of the former Division of Charlton</i> The western half of Lake Macquarie LGA	70,097	73,103
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>88,009</b>	<b>91,738</b>
<b>From the former Division of Shortland</b>	Part Lake Macquarie LGA <i>Bounded in the east by the West Charlestown Bypass, west along Warners Bay Rd and Bayview St to the corner of Plumridge Close thence south along property boundaries to Warners Bay Rd and west to the Lake Macquarie shore.</i> Includes the remainder of Warner's Bay	3,534	3,729
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,534</b>	<b>3,729</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>91,543</b>	<b>95,467</b>

The suggested Charlton incorporates the remainder of the suburb of Warners Bay from Shortland. There is an obvious community of interest here with that part of Warners Bay already in Charlton. To the west the boundaries of Lake Macquarie LGA are left intact.

## Shortland

### How constituted

		Current	Projected
<b>From the former Division of Shortland</b>	Part Lake Macquarie LGA <i>Bounded in the west by the West Charlestown Bypass, west along Warner's Bay Rd and Bayview St to the corner of Plumridge Close thence south along property boundaries to Warners Bay Rd and west to the Lake Macquarie shore.</i>	62,252	63,864
	Part Wyong LGA <i>Bounded in the south by the boundary of the former Division of Shortland</i> Includes Budgewoi and Doyalson	27,503	29,927
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>89,755</b>	<b>93,791</b>
<b>From the former Division of Dobell</b>	Part Wyong LGA <i>Bounded in the south by Tuggerah Lake, west along the southern and western boundary of Craigie Park, north along Donald Ave, Marks Rd, Minamurra Rd, Coorabin Ave, Jacqueline Ave, Leslie Ave, Arlington St to the boundary of the former Division of Shortland</i>	1,663	1,785
	Part of Gorokan <b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>1,785</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>91,418</b>	<b>95,576</b>

The Division of Shortland gains more of the suburb of Gorokan from Dobell. A significant proportion of Gorokan is already within Shortland, so a community of interest with the existing division of Shortland is already well established in this area.

## Dobell

### How constituted

		Current	Projected
From the former Division of Dobell	Part Wyong LGA <i>Bounded in the north by the boundary of the former Division of Dobell to Toukley Bridge, west along the northern shore of Lake Tuggerah to the southern and western boundary of Craigie Park, north along Donald Ave, Marks Rd, Minamurra Rd, Coorabin Ave, Jacqueline Ave, Leslie Ave, Arlington St to the boundary of the former Division of Dobell</i>	70,740	75,881
	Part Gosford LGA <i>Bounded by the southern boundary of the former Division of Dobell</i>	18,018	18,404
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>88,758</b>	<b>94,285</b>
From the former Division of Robertson	Part Gosford LGA <i>Bounded by the northern boundary of the former division of Robertson, Allan St and Glen Rd</i> Includes the suburb of Lisarow and part of Niagara Park	1,265	1,278
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>1,278</b>
	<b>Total for suggested division</b>	<b>90,023</b>	<b>95,563</b>

Dobell gains Lisarow and the northern parts of Niagara Park. Both are suburbs without a significant CBD, with community of interest and transport links both north and south along the Pacific Highway and Newcastle Line to Tuggerah/Wyong and Gosford respectively.

## Robertson

### *How constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Robertson</b>	Part Gosford LGA <i>Bounded in the north by the boundary of the former Division of Robertson, Allan St and Glen Rd (Niagara Park)</i> Includes most of Gosford LGA except Forresters Beach, Wamberal, Lisarow and part of Niagara Park	93,245	96,148
	<b>Total for suggested division</b>	<b>93,245</b>	<b>96,148</b>

Bounded by the Hawkesbury River to the south, the Pacific Ocean to the east and National Parks to the west, no changes to the boundaries of Robertson are possible other than at its shared boundary with Dobell, where a small number of electors are transferred to address the small deficit in Dobell's enrolment.

## Sydney Metropolitan Area and the Illawarra

The Nationals suggest that the southern Sydney division of Banks be abolished. On the current boundaries, the division has no clear central community, and is made up of areas that have little in common other than the division of Banks itself. Banks is projected to be at the lower end of the allowable range of enrolment. For these reasons it is suggested that Banks be abolished, and those electors within its boundaries be transferred to neighbouring divisions where community of interest ties are stronger.

This would necessitate a significant movement in the boundaries of the neighbouring divisions, namely Blaxland, Hughes and Watson, which in our submission subsume the former division of Banks. 42% of the electors in the existing Banks would be transferred to Hughes, 34% to Blaxland and 24% to Watson.

Despite the large movement in this area, which is inevitable whenever a division is abolished, The Nationals' suggestions retain as many residents as possible within their existing divisions. In fact, under The Nationals' suggested boundaries only 15.24% of electors in Sydney and the Illawarra would be transferred to another division, compared to 16.10% who were transferred in this area at the last redistribution when all metropolitan electorates were maintained.

The divisions of Wentworth and Kingsford Smith are unchanged, and nine other proposed metropolitan divisions result in fewer than 10% of electors moving into another division. Where more substantial changes have been proposed, namely to the divisions of Prospect and Fowler, it has been done to better address community of interest considerations, while also ensuring compliance with the strict statutory requirements of current and projected electoral enrolment. Where movement has occurred in divisions such as Reid and Parramatta, it has been as a result of the flow-on effect of these changes, while still maintaining communities of interest as much as practicable.

The abolition of Banks has the added benefit of also enabling the correction of anomalies that have arisen with the Sydney metropolitan divisional boundaries.

Furthermore, The Nationals' submission allows for more communities to be brought into divisions with which they have stronger links, especially in outer western and south-western Sydney where many constituents have further to travel.

While it must be recognised that these distances pale in comparison to those outside the metropolitan area, where boundaries can be improved they ought to be, and this redistribution provides that opportunity.

Some of the anomalies that are addressed in these suggestions include:

- The intersection of three divisions very near the Bankstown CBD, dividing the surrounding communities
- The split of the southern Holroyd area between three divisions
- Communities on opposite sides of Middle Harbour, without access from one side to the other, being included in the same division
- The Liverpool and Sutherland CBDs being within the same division
- The inclusion of Minchinbury, St Clair and St Marys in a Fairfield-based division, with which they share no community of interest ties
- The inclusion of Warragamba and Silverdale in a Liverpool-based division, with which they share no community of interest ties
- The Parramatta CBD falling outside the division of Parramatta

While no set of boundaries will ever be able to perfectly contain local communities of interest due to the overriding imperative to ensure each division is within an allowable deviation from the enrolment quota, this redistribution provides the opportunity to improve the distribution of electors between divisions.

**Hughes**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Hughes</b>	Part Sutherland LGA <i>Bounded in the south and east by the former Divisional boundary east to and thence north along Woronora Dam Rd and Woronora River, by a straight line across Bundanoon Rd along property boundaries north of Arkana Pl to Forbes Ck, north east along Forbes Ck, southern boundary of Prince Edward Park and First Ave to Illawarra Rail Line, north by that line to the Georges River and the LGA boundary.</i> Includes Woronora Heights, Menai, Bangor, Lucas Heights, Barden Ridge, Alfords Point, Illawong, Como, Como West, Jannali, Oyster Bay and Bonnet Bay	34,216	35,527
	Part Liverpool LGA <i>Bounded in the north and west by the Georges River</i> Includes Chipping Norton, Moorebank, Hammondville, Holsworthy, Wattle Grove and Voyager Point	21,523	22,226
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>55,739</b>	<b>57,753</b>
<b>From the former Division of Banks</b>	Part Bankstown LGA <i>Bounded in the north by the East Hills Railway Line</i> Includes the suburbs of Picnic Point, Padstow Heights, Revesby Heights, part Padstow, Panania, Revesby and East Hills	22,670	23,230
	Part Hurstville LGA <i>Bounded to the north by Shenstone Rd, Hardwicke St, Talbot St, Bonds Rd, Boundary St to the Illawarra Rail Line and south to the LGA boundary</i> Includes Lugarno, parts Peakhurst, Mortdale and Oatley	16,616	16,834
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>39,286</b>	<b>40,064</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>95,025</b>	<b>97,817</b>

With the abolition of Banks, it is suggested that that part of Banks generally south of the East Hills railway line be transferred to Hughes, along with the suburbs of Lugarno, Peakhurst, and part of Mortdale and Oatley.

The north-eastern boundary of the suggested Hughes is Boundary Road and Bonds Road, before it meets the Illawarra railway line which forms the eastern boundary between the proposed divisions of Hughes and Barton and the proposed divisions of Hughes and Cook.

The inclusion of these areas in Hughes requires that some of the existing division of Hughes is transferred to other divisions. First, the area to the east of the Illawarra railway line that is currently in the division of Hughes is transferred to Cook, making

the railway the boundary between the two divisions for its full length. Second, the area south of Woronora Cemetery, Prince Edward Park and the water supply pipeline is transferred to the division of Cunningham, being the suburbs of Loftus, Yarrawarra, Engadine and Heathcote. This makes the boundary in that area consistent with the state electoral boundary between the divisions of Menai and Heathcote. Third, the Liverpool CBD and Warwick Farm are transferred to the division of Fowler, which has long been a Liverpool-based division. This area is more appropriately in a division with other Liverpool suburbs, rather than with Sutherland, and this suggestion achieves that.

While it is acknowledged that crossing the Georges River is a major change to the existing boundaries, it is considered that there are stronger communities of interest across Alford Point Bridge than there are between Liverpool and Sutherland through Holsworthy. Transport across the Georges River is easier than along Heathcote Road, and the two population centres are geographically much closer. Although the Georges River does present a substantial natural barrier between the two areas, so does the bushland through Holsworthy. It is considered amending the boundaries as proposed will provide the opportunity at a later redistribution to transfer the remaining area in the west of the suggested Hughes into a Liverpool-based division, and Hughes could then consolidated as a Georges River division.



**Cook**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Cook</b>	Part Sutherland LGA <i>Bounded in the west by the boundary of the former Division of Cook to the northern boundary of Royal National Park and thence by that boundary south-east to Port Hacking and the coast</i> Includes Sutherland LGA previously in the Division of Cook and north of Port Hacking	91,771	93,886
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>91,771</b>	<b>93,886</b>
<b>From the former Division of Hughes</b>	Part Sutherland LGA <i>Bounded in the west by the Illawarra Rail Line whence it leaves the boundary of the former Division of Cook at Acton St to where it rejoins the boundary at Loftus.</i> Remainder of Sutherland (Suburb) east of railway line	2,967	3,368
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,967</b>	<b>3,368</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>94,738</b>	<b>97,254</b>

There is minimal change suggested for Cook which need only gain a small number of electors. This is achieved by transferring that part of the existing division of Hughes east of the Illawarra railway line into Cook, such that all areas south of the Georges River and east of the railway line are within Cook. The Royal National Park and the suburb of Bundeena are transferred to the division of Cunningham consistent with the boundary between the state electoral districts of Cronulla and Heathcote.

**Cunningham**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Cunningham</b>	Part Wollongong LGA <i>Bounded to the south from coast west along the boundary of the former Division of Throsby to the Southern Freeway, Princes Hwy and Mt Keira Rd, Cordeaux River to western boundary of former Division of Cunningham</i> Includes Wollongong City and most suburbs north of Mt Keira	70,278	71,902
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>70,278</b>	<b>71,902</b>
<b>From the former Division of Hughes</b>	Part Sutherland LGA <i>Bounded to the north by the boundary of the former Division of Cunningham, north from that boundary by Woronora Dam Rd and Woronora River, by a straight line across Bundanoon Rd along property boundaries north of Arkana Pl to Forbes Ck, north east along Forbes Ck, southern boundary of Prince Edward Park and First Ave to the Illawarra Rail Line, south along said line to boundary of the former Division of Cunningham</i> Includes Engadine, Yarrawarrah, Loftus, Heathcote and Waterfall	22,398	22,573
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>22,398</b>	<b>22,573</b>
<b>From the former Division of Cook</b>	Part Sutherland LGA <i>Bounded to the north by the Princes Highway, northern boundary of Royal National Park to Port Hacking and thence to the coast.</i> Includes Maianbar and Bundeena	1,804	1,819
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,804</b>	<b>1,819</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>94,480</b>	<b>96,294</b>

The division of Cunningham on its current boundaries is below the required enrolment quota, as is the division of Throsby to its south, and Gilmore to the south of that. This precludes effectively transferring electors from the south up into Cunningham, and with the coast forming the eastern boundary of the divisions, and mountain ranges to the west, the only place for Cunningham to gain the additional electors it requires is by moving north into Hughes and Cook. This also provides sufficient additional electors to Cunningham to allow it to provide additional numbers to Throsby and also Gilmore, effectively moving electors out of Sydney electorates to address the imbalance between the number of electors in metropolitan and non-metropolitan electorates.

Despite this reasonably significant movement of electors, the suggested Cunningham maintains strong community of interest ties. It extends north into Bundeena (from Cook) and Loftus, Yarrowarra, Engadine and Heathcote (from Hughes) consistent with the state electoral boundaries between the electoral districts of Heathcote and Menai, and Heathcote and Cronulla. This ensures reasonable local boundaries, brings the divisions in this area within an acceptable range of enrolment, and also facilitates the movement of electors through the Wollongong corridor out of metropolitan Sydney. As a result, some electors are transferred from the south of Cunningham into Throsby.

**Throsby**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Throsby</b>	Part Shellharbour LGA <i>Bounded in the south by the LGA boundary to Princes and Illawarra Hwys, Frazers Creek, Croome Rd, Rocklow Ck, Minamurra River to the Coast</i> Includes all major areas in Shellharbour LGA except Albion Park	34,412	35,900
	Part Wollongong LGA <i>Bounded in the north by the boundary of the former Division of Throsby</i> Includes Port Kembla, Berkeley, Dapto and Koonawarra	40,052	41,512
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>74,464</b>	<b>77,412</b>
<b>From the former Division of Cunningham</b>	Part Wollongong LGA <i>Bounded to the north from coast west along the boundary of the former Division of Throsby to the Southern Freeway, Princes Hwy and Mt Keira Rd, Cordeaux River to western boundary of Wollongong LGA, thence south to boundary of former Division of Throsby</i> Includes part Wollongong West, Cordeaux Heights, Farmborough Heights, Kembla Heights	20,824	21,165
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>20,824</b>	<b>21,165</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>95,288</b>	<b>98,577</b>

As a result of the changes to the northern boundary of Cunningham, additional electors are able to be transferred from that division to Throsby in order to address its deficit in enrolment. This is achieved by transferring those electors west of Mt Keira Road, the Princes Highway and Southern Freeway from Cunningham to Throsby, including the communities of Figtree, West Wollongong and Cordeaux Heights. East of the freeway, the boundary between Cunningham and Throsby remains unchanged.

This change not only addresses the deficit in Throsby's enrolment, but also allows for the transfer of electors south into Gilmore to assist that division achieve an acceptable level of enrolment. The suburbs of Albion Park, Jamberoo, Minnamurra and Kiama Downs are therefore transferred to Gilmore from Throsby.

## Blaxland

### How Constituted

		Current	Projected
From the former Division of Blaxland	Part Fairfield LGA <i>Bounded to the west by the Hume Hwy, Prospect Ck, Bankstown Rail Line, Horsley Drive and Fairfield St</i> Includes Fairfield East, parts Carramar and Villawood	4,923	5,126
	Part Bankstown LGA <i>Bounded to the south by the boundary of the former Division of Blaxland</i> Includes all parts of Bankstown LGA formerly in the Division of Blaxland	59,490	63,041
	Part Strathfield LGA <i>Bounded to the north-east by the boundary of the former Division of Blaxland</i> Includes all parts of Strathfield LGA formerly in the Division of Blaxland	596	589
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>65,009</b>	<b>68,756</b>

From the former Division of Banks	Part Bankstown LGA <i>Bounded to the east by the Punchbowl/Bankstown suburban boundary, Fairford Rd, the Hume Hwy, Salt Pan Ck south to the East Hills Rail line, west thence to the LGA boundary on the Georges River</i>	31,507	33,276
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>31,507</b>	<b>33,276</b>

<b>Total for suggested division</b>	<b>96,516</b>	<b>102,032</b>
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The abolition of Banks allows for the absorption of a significant number of electors into Blaxland. Blaxland would then far better account for communities of interest than at present. Blaxland would, once again, become a Bankstown-based division.

The Cabramatta community is transferred to Fowler, with which it shares much closer communities of interest, and the community of Guildford West is transferred to Prospect, to be incorporated with the rest of the southern Holroyd area. This addresses the anomalies of the north-western and south-western reaches of the existing Blaxland, which were necessitated to adhere to the quota requirements at the last redistribution.

It is suggested that Blaxland extend south into a larger part of the Bankstown area, gaining all those suburbs north of the East Hills railway line and west of Salt Pan Creek. This includes Panania, Revesby and Padstow. It is considered that not only do those areas suggested to be included in Blaxland have stronger communities of

interest with Bankstown, but that those areas that are proposed to be transferred from the existing division of Blaxland have stronger communities of interest with the divisions to which they have been transferred. Thus, while the boundaries have been changed substantially due to the abolition of a neighbouring division, the change proposed achieves a much more homogenous division than that offered by the current boundaries.

**Watson**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Watson</b>	Part Hurstville LGA <i>Bounded to the west by the boundary of the former Division of Watson</i> Includes all parts of Hurstville LGA formerly in the Division of Grayndler	19,338	20,186
	Part Canterbury LGA <i>Bounded to the west by the boundary of the former Division of Watson, to the east by Bexley Rd, Cup and Saucer Creek, the Cooks River, the Bankstown Rail Line and the rail line connecting the Bankstown Line with Enfield Marshalling Yards</i> Includes all parts of Canterbury LGA formerly in the Division of Grayndler except Earlwood, Belfield and part of Campsie	46,814	48,180
	Part Rockdale LGA <i>Bounded to the east by Bexley Rd and to the south by the boundary of the former Division of Watson</i> Bexley North	4,005	4,039
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>70,157</b>	<b>72,405</b>

<b>From the former Division of Banks</b>	Part Hurstville LGA <i>Bounded to the south-west by Shenstone Rd, Hardwicke St, Talbot St, Bonds Rd, Boundary St to the Illawarra Rail Line and south to the LGA boundary</i> Includes Beverley Hills, parts Mortdale, Penshurst and Riverwood	15,611	16,273
	Part Canterbury LGA <i>Remainder of Canterbury LGA west of Belmore Rd not included in the former Division of Watson</i> Includes remainder Riverwood, part Punchbowl	4,625	4,759
	Part Bankstown LGA <i>Bounded to the west by Canterbury Rd, Fairford Rd, the Bankstown/Punchbowl suburban boundary and the Bankstown Rail Line</i> Part Punchbowl	2,434	2,602
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>22,670</b>	<b>23,634</b>

<b>Total for suggested division</b>	<b>92,827</b>	<b>96,039</b>
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The suggested abolition of Banks necessitates Watson to move west to take in part of Banks, although it involves the smallest change of the divisions around the current Banks. It is proposed to extend Watson into the remainder of the suburb of Punchbowl south of the railway line, and then proceed south along Salt Pan Creek to incorporate Riverwood in its entirety, before following Bonds and Boundary Roads to the Illawarra railway line, which remains the boundary between the divisions of Watson and Barton in the proposal.

The suggested changes to the boundaries bring the remainder of the suburbs of Punchbowl, Narwee and Penshurst into Watson from the former division of Banks, while moving only a short distance (approximately 1.5kms) west into an area that is strongly connected with Hurstville, which is already included in Watson.



**Barton**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Barton</b>	Kogarah LGA	36,798	37,947
	Part Rockdale LGA <i>Bounded in the north by the boundary of the former Division of Barton</i> Includes all parts of Rockdale LGA formerly in the Division of Barton	54,456	56,907
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>91,254</b>	<b>94,854</b>
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<b>From the former Division of Watson</b>	Part Rockdale LGA <i>Bounded to the west by Bexley Rd and to the south by the boundary of the former Division of Lowe</i> Bardwell Park	2,294	2,377
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,294</b>	<b>2,377</b>
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<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>93,548</b>	<b>97,231</b>

Barton remains largely the same as the current division, expanding only slightly to incorporate Bardwell Park, which is currently in a separate division from the surrounding areas of Bardwell Valley and Arncliffe. Not only does this allow the whole of the neighbouring suburbs east of Bexley Road to be incorporated in the one division, it also makes the boundary of Barton in this area Wolli Creek (although this has the same effect as making the boundary the railway line), which is a much stronger geographic feature than the current boundary along Bardwell Creek. It also brings the boundary in this area in line with more of the boundary between the Canterbury and Rockdale LGAs. It further relieves some of the pressure from Watson, which has moved west to take in part of the former division of Banks, by transferring a number of electors to assist in bringing it within the acceptable range of projected enrolment.

**Kingsford Smith**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Kingsford Smith</b>	Botany Bay LGA	24,257	24,813
	Part Sydney LGA <i>Bounded to the north by the boundary of the former Division of Kingsford Smith</i> Includes all of Sydney LGA formerly in the Division of Kingsford Smith	3,205	3,572
	Part Randwick LGA <i>Bounded to the north by the boundary of the former Division of Kingsford Smith</i> Includes all of Randwick LGA formerly in the Division of Kingsford Smith	70,410	72,420
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>97,872</b>	<b>100,805</b>

<b>Total for suggested division</b>	<b>97,872</b>	<b>100,805</b>
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Kingsford Smith is projected to be within the allowable range of enrolment (although toward the upper end of that range) and experience less than average projected growth in enrolment. The Redistribution Committee at the last redistribution went to some effort to ensure that the boundary between Kingsford Smith and Wentworth best addressed local communities of interest. For these reasons it is suggested that the boundaries of the division not be changed.

**Wentworth**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Wentworth</b>	Woollahra LGA	35,228	35,806
	Waverley LGA	38,665	39,828
	Part Sydney LGA <i>Bounded to the west by the boundary of the former Division of Wentworth</i> Includes all of Sydney LGA formerly in the Division of Wentworth	17,735	18,242
	Part Randwick LGA <i>Bounded to the south by the boundary of the former Division of Wentworth</i> Includes all of Randwick LGA formerly in the Division of Wentworth	6,938	7,258
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>98,566</b>	<b>101,134</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>98,566</b>	<b>101,134</b>

Wentworth is projected to be within the allowable range of enrolment (although toward the upper end of that range) and experience less than average projected growth in enrolment. The Redistribution Committee at the last redistribution went to some effort to ensure that the boundary between Wentworth and Kingsford Smith best addressed local communities of interest. For these reasons it is suggested that the boundaries of the division not be changed.

**Sydney**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Sydney</b>	Part Sydney LGA <i>Bounded to the south and east by the boundary of the former Division of Sydney</i> Includes all parts of Sydney LGA formerly in the Division of Sydney	66,051	73,522
	Part Leichhardt LGA <i>Bounded to the west by the boundary of the former Division of Sydney</i> Includes all parts of Leichhardt LGA formerly in the Division of Sydney	20,959	22,083
	Lord Howe Island	278	278
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>87,288</b>	<b>95,883</b>
<b>From the former Division of Grayndler</b>	Part Marrickville LGA <i>Bounded to the west by Percival Rd and the Western Rail Line</i> Includes remainder Camperdown, parts Newtown and Stanmore	5,355	5,588
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5,355</b>	<b>5,588</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>92,643</b>	<b>101,471</b>

It is suggested that the division of Sydney be expanded slightly as the current boundaries would have it at the lower end of the required range of electors based on the projected enrolment. As there is no change required to the boundaries of either Wentworth or Kingsford-Smith, the only avenue for Sydney to expand is into Grayndler. This is suggested by extending the division of Sydney west to Percival Road between Parramatta Road and the railway line to take in the remainder of Camperdown, the remainder of Newtown north of the railway line, and part of Stanmore. These inner city suburbs are consistent with those already in the electorate of Sydney.

**Grayndler**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Grayndler</b>	Part Canterbury LGA <i>Bounded to the south and west by the boundary of the former Division of Grayndler</i> Includes all parts of Canterbury LGA formerly in the Division of Grayndler	6,195	6,233
	Part Ashfield LGA <i>Bounded in the west by Iron Cove Ck, Church St, Frederick St, John St, Alt St and the Western Rail Line</i> Includes all parts of Ashfield LGA formerly in the Division of Grayndler except part of Ashfield	22,183	23,026
	Part Marrickville LGA <i>Bounded to the north and east by Percival Rd and the Western Rail Line</i> Includes all parts of Ashfield LGA formerly in the Division of Grayndler except Camperdown and parts of Newtown and Stanmore	44,980	46,028
	Part Leichhardt LGA <i>Bounded to the south and west by the boundary of the former Division of Grayndler</i> Includes all parts of Leichhardt LGA formerly in the Division of Grayndler	13,663	13,886
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>87,021</b>	<b>89,173</b>
<b>From the former Division of Watson</b>	Part Canterbury LGA <i>Bounded in the west by Bexley Rd and Cup and Saucer Creek</i> Earlwood	12,468	12,631
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>12,468</b>	<b>12,631</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>99,489</b>	<b>101,804</b>

With the movement of Watson and Sydney to the west, there is a need to bring Grayndler into part of the existing division of Watson. This has been achieved by transferring Earlwood, in its entirety, from Watson to Grayndler. Although the expansion of Grayndler into Watson involves crossing the Cooks River, within the area that is proposed to be transferred there are three roads crossing the river (Wardell Road, Illawarra Road and Bayview Avenue) as well as four footbridges. All of these river crossings are in the space of approximately four kilometres, demonstrating significant transport connectivity between the areas.

**Lowe**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Lowe</b>	Canada Bay LGA	46,176	49,214
	Burwood LGA	18,961	20,197
	Part Canterbury LGA <i>Bounded in the south by the boundary of the former Division of Lowe</i> Includes all parts of Canterbury LGA formerly in the Division of Lowe	2,325	2,358
	Part Strathfield LGA <i>Bounded in the west by the boundary of the former Division of Lowe</i> Includes all parts of Strathfield LGA formerly in the Division of Lowe	17,149	18,363
	Part Ashfield LGA <i>Bounded in the west by the boundary of the former Division of Lowe</i> Includes all parts of Ashfield LGA formerly in the Division of Lowe	763	754
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>85,374</b>	<b>90,886</b>
<b>From the former Division of Watson</b>	Part Canterbury LGA <i>Bounded to the south by the Bankstown Rail Line and rail line connecting the Bankstown Line with Enfield Marshalling Yards</i> Includes Belfield, part Campsie	9,007	9,556
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>9,007</b>	<b>9,556</b>
<b>From the former Division of Grayndler</b>	Part Ashfield LGA <i>Bounded in the east by Iron Cove Ck, Church St, Frederick St, John St, Alt St and the Western Rail Line</i> Part Ashfield	1,787	1,911
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,787</b>	<b>1,911</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>96,168</b>	<b>102,353</b>

Lowe is below quota and therefore needs to expand. This is achieved by extending the southern boundary of the division further into the Canterbury LGA, moving it from Punchbowl Road and Cooks River to the railway line. Although this involves again crossing the Cooks River, it is worth noting that the existing Lowe already crosses the Cooks River to take in part of Belfield. This further crossing takes in the remainder of Belfield and part of Campsie, while establishing another strong geographical feature, namely the railway line, as the new boundary. There are three roads and two footbridges that cross the river in the space of approximately two

kilometres in this area, which demonstrates that the river does not form a substantial physical barrier.

Although the above change brings the number of electors in Lowe into the acceptable range, the flow-on effects of the movement of Watson, and therefore Grayndler, leave too many electors in Grayndler. It is suggested that this be addressed by transferring a small number of electors in Ashfield from Grayndler into Lowe, being those in the area between Parramatta Road and the railway line around Croydon Road.

**Reid**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Reid</b>	Auburn LGA	38,030	43,116
	Part Parramatta LGA <i>Bounded in the north and west by the boundary of the former Division of Reid</i> Includes all parts of Parramatta LGA formerly in the Division of Reid	31,279	33,930
	Part Strathfield LGA <i>Bounded in the east by the boundary of the former Division of Reid</i> Includes all parts of Strathfield LGA formerly in the Division of Reid	497	716
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>69,806</b>	<b>77,762</b>
<b>From the former Division of Blaxland</b>	Part Fairfield LGA <i>Bounded to the south by Fairfield St and Woodville Rd</i> Includes Old Guildford and part Guildford	2,240	2,311
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,240</b>	<b>2,311</b>
<b>From the former Division of Bennelong</b>	Part Parramatta LGA <i>Bounded to the north and west by the boundary of the former Divisions of Bennelong and Parramatta at Silverwater Rd and Stewart St</i> Includes Ermington	5,509	5,709
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5,509</b>	<b>5,709</b>
<b>From the former Division of Parramatta</b>	Part Parramatta LGA <i>That part of Parramatta LGA east of Bettington Rd, and bounded to the south by the boundary of the former Division of Parramatta</i> Includes Telopea, Dundas Valley and part Carlingford	9,675	9,819
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>9,675</b>	<b>9,819</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>87,230</b>	<b>95,601</b>

That part of the Holroyd LGA south of the M4 motorway that was in Reid is transferred to Prospect, making the railway line the western boundary of the suggested division. This resolves the anomaly of the current boundaries which split the southern part of Holroyd (south of the Great Western Highway) into the divisions of Prospect, Reid and Blaxland by bringing all of that area into the one division, namely Prospect.



The area west of Harris Street to the north of the motorway is then transferred to Parramatta, so that division once again includes the Parramatta CBD. The eastern boundary of the division south of the Parramatta River remains unchanged, as does most of the southern boundary, which is maintained at the water supply pipeline except between Woodville Road and the railway line at Old Guildford. This is done to bring the Old Guildford community into the same division as the eastern part of Guildford. In the space of just one kilometre there are four roads that cross the water supply pipeline at this location, providing a strong connection between the communities.

The water supply pipeline is considered an arbitrary barrier, and the boundary is here extended to Fairfield Road. Although the pipeline itself is an arbitrary barrier, along the rest of the southern boundary of the existing division there are other barriers that coincide with the pipeline, being Woodville Golf Course, numerous public parks, and the Sydney Water facility at Potts Hill. These additional physical barriers make the maintenance of the current boundary compelling along most of its length.

As the division of Reid has transferred electors to Parramatta and Prospect to assist those divisions to better reflect local communities of interest, it is necessary for Reid to gain electors elsewhere to make up the deficit. This is achieved by transferring those electors east of Silverwater Road along the Victoria Road corridor from Bennelong to Reid, being the suburb of Ermington, which is more connected to the communities of Rydalmere and Dundas than those of Ryde. The electors in the area between Pennant Hills Road and Kissing Point Road, being those in Telopea and Dundas Valley, are transferred from the division of Parramatta to the division of Reid. This makes Marsden Road (and its continuation in Wharf Road) the eastern boundary of Reid north of the Parramatta River.

**Prospect**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Prospect</b>	Part Holroyd LGA <i>Bounded to the south-east by the boundary of the former Division of Prospect</i> Includes all of Holroyd LGA formerly in the Division of Prospect	24,978	26,425
	Part Fairfield LGA <i>Bounded to the south-east by the boundary of the former Division of Prospect</i> Includes all of Fairfield LGA formerly in the Division of Prospect	44,501	46,017
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>69,479</b>	<b>72,442</b>
<b>From the former Division of Blaxland</b>	Part Fairfield LGA <i>Bounded to the east by Horsley Drive to the Bankstown Rail line, west along this line and Caroola St to the Cumberland Line, north along this line to the boundary of the former Division of Prospect</i> Includes parts Canley Vale and Carramar	1,732	1,769
	Part Holroyd LGA <i>Bounded to the east by the Cumberland Rail Line</i> Includes Guildford West, Parts of Guildford, Yennora	4,332	4,442
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6,064</b>	<b>6,211</b>
<b>From the former Division of Fowler</b>	Part Fairfield LGA <i>Bounded to the south by Elizabeth Dr, Cowpasture Rd, Orphan School Ck, Sweethaven Rd, Edensor Rd and Smithfield Rd</i> Includes Abbotsbury, Part Greenfield Park, Bossley Park and Edensor Park	7,973	8,303
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7,973</b>	<b>8,303</b>
<b>From the former Division of Reid</b>	Part Holroyd LGA <i>Bounded to the east by the Western Motorway, east along the Western Rail Line to the Cumberland Rail Line, south along this rail line to the boundary of the former Divisions of Reid and Blaxland</i> Includes Holroyd, remainder Merrylands West & Merrylands, parts Guildford	12,920	14,275
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>12,920</b>	<b>14,275</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>96,436</b>	<b>101,231</b>

The existing division of Prospect follows no clear communities of interest. While it is substantially based around Fairfield, it also incorporates part of southern Holroyd (which itself is split between Reid, Blaxland and Prospect) as well as Minchinbury (from the Blacktown LGA) and St Clair and Erskine Park (from the Penrith LGA). While the inclusion of various LGAs in one division is not in itself problematic, these particular areas share little (if any) common interests. Minchinbury is connected very strongly to Mount Druitt, St Clair and Erskine Park have strong links to both Mount Druitt and St Marys, and the southern part of Holroyd, while being much closer to Fairfield and enjoying some transport links (which do not exist to the other areas) is itself split between three divisions.

Due to the significant disconnect within the current division of Prospect, it is proposed to transfer Minchinbury, St Clair and Erskine Park to Chifley where there are much stronger community of interest ties, and to consolidate the whole of the Holroyd LGA south of the Great Western Highway and M4 motorway into Prospect. In order to ensure adequate enrolment it also necessary to extend into a small part of the current division of Fowler, being the remainder of Bossley Park and the suburbs of Abbotsbury and Greenfield Park.

Not only do these changes bring the whole of the southern part of Holroyd into the one division, it also creates a division of Prospect that incorporates only Fairfield and Holroyd, without those areas that had been incorporated on the existing boundaries in order to support the necessary electoral quota despite not having any common communities of interest.

**Fowler**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Fowler</b>	Part Fairfield LGA <i>Bounded to the north by Elizabeth Dr, Cowpasture Rd, Orphan School Ck, Sweethaven Rd, Edensor Rd and Smithfield Rd</i> All Fairfield LGA in the former Division of Fowler except Abbotsbury, part Greenfield Park, Bossley Park and Edensor Park	28,189	29,766
	Part Liverpool LGA <i>Bounded to the west by the M7 Motorway</i> Includes most major urban areas of Liverpool LGA in the former Division of Fowler, except Middleton Grange, West Hoxton, Carnes Hill, Horningsea Park, Luddenham and part Hoxton Park	41,571	42,577
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>69,760</b>	<b>72,343</b>
<b>From the former Division of Hughes</b>	Part Liverpool LGA <i>Bounded to the south by property boundaries to the intersection of Memorial Ave and Grace St, north along Flowerdale Rd, east along Moore St to the Georges River and north-east along that river to the boundary of the former Divisions of Blaxland and Hughes</i> Includes Warwick Farm, part Liverpool	7,654	8,469
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7,654</b>	<b>8,469</b>
<b>From the former Division of Blaxland</b>	Part Fairfield LGA <i>Bounded to the east by the Cumberland Rail Line, Caroola St, Bankstown Rail Line, Salt Pan Ck and the Georges River</i> Includes Lansvale, Canley Vale, part Cabramatta	19,112	19,543
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>19,112</b>	<b>19,543</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>96,526</b>	<b>100,355</b>

It is suggested that Warragamba and Silverdale be transferred from Fowler, which is primarily a suburban Liverpool division. These outlying suburbs have no real connection to Liverpool, but rather to Penrith (which is the most accessible area by road) Camden and Campbelltown (from which health and education services are drawn) and Picton (which is within the same LGA). While common interests exist with all these other areas from Warragamba and Silverdale, they are not present with Liverpool. The division of Macarthur is best able to accommodate this

community, along with the acreage lands that still exist between Liverpool and Warragamba. This brings the majority of the acreage land remaining in southwestern Sydney within the one division.

While this change has a substantial impact upon the physical area of Fowler, it has less of an impact upon the enrolment. Less dramatic changes are therefore required in the east of the division to return it to quota following the electors that have been transferred to Macarthur and Prospect. The suggested division takes in Warwick Farm and returns to the Liverpool CBD (from Hughes) and also to moves into Cabramatta, Canley Vale and Lansvale, moving the boundary with Blaxland to the Georges River and Prospect Creek.

**Werriwa**  
How Constituted

		Current	Projected
<b>From the former Division of Werriwa</b>	Part Liverpool LGA <i>Bounded by the boundaries of the former Division of Werriwa and the LGA boundary</i> Includes all of Liverpool LGA from the former Division of Werriwa	35,625	40,431
	Part Campbelltown LGA <i>Bounded by the boundaries of the former Division of Werriwa and the LGA boundary</i> Includes all of Campbelltown LGA from the former Division of Werriwa	52,717	55,695
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>88,342</b>	<b>96,126</b>
<b>From the former Division of Fowler</b>	Part Liverpool LGA <i>Bounded in the west by the Sydney Water Supply Channel to Hinchinbrook Ck, south-east along said creek to the M7 Motorway, south along that motorway to the boundary of the former division of Werriwa, along that boundary to Hinchinbrook Ck, east along that creek to the boundary of the former Divisions of Fowler and Hughes</i> Includes Middleton Grange, part of Hinchinbrook west of the M7	2,267	2,314
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,267</b>	<b>2,314</b>
<b>From the former Division of Hughes</b>	Part Liverpool LGA <i>Bounded property boundaries to the intersection of Memorial Ave and Grace St, north along Flowerdale Rd, east along Moore St to the Georges River and south to the boundary of the former Division of Werriwa</i> Southern part of Liverpool City	3,074	3,233
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,074</b>	<b>3,233</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>93,683</b>	<b>101,673</b>

It is suggested that very little change is needed to Werriwa. The acreage lands west of Camden Valley Way, including Leppington and Rossmore, are proposed to be transferred to Macarthur (in keeping with the transfer of other acreage lands from Fowler to Macarthur). A small change is also proposed in the northern boundary of the division around the Liverpool CBD to balance the distribution of electors between Fowler and Werriwa. Otherwise, Werriwa remains unchanged.

**Macarthur**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Macarthur</b>	Part Wollondilly LGA <i>Bounded to the west by Cawdor Rd and Old Razorback Rd, east along Remembrance Driveway, south in a straight line along Donalds Range Rd extended to Nepean River, east along Nepean River, south along Douglas Park Dr, west along Wilton Rd, south along Macarthur Rd and Mt. Keira Rd to the boundary of former Division of Macarthur</i> Includes Douglas Park and Appin	3,758	4,343
	Part Campbelltown LGA <i>Bounded to the north by the boundary of the former Division of Macarthur</i> Includes all parts of Campbelltown LGA formerly in the Division of Macarthur	38,636	40,883
	Part Camden LGA <i>Bounded to the north by the boundary of the former Division of Macarthur</i> Includes all parts of Camden LGA formerly in the Division of Macarthur	31,207	39,557
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>73,601</b>	<b>84,783</b>
<b>From the former Division of Werriwa</b>	Part Camden LGA <i>Remainder of Camden LGA not included in the former Division of Macarthur</i>	1,935	2,290
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>2,290</b>
<b>From the former Division of Fowler</b>	Part Liverpool LGA <i>Bounded in the east by the Sydney Water Supply Channel to Hinchinbrook Ck, south-east along said creek to the M7 Motorway, north along that Motorway to the boundary of the former Division of Fowler</i> Includes Luddenham	6,251	6,681
	Part Penrith LGA <i>Bounded in the north by the boundary of the former Division of Fowler</i> Includes Wallacia	1,042	1,106
	Part Wollondilly LGA <i>Bounded in the west by the boundary of the former Division of Macarthur</i> Includes Warragamba and Silverdale	3,210	3,453
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10,503</b>	<b>11,240</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>86,039</b>	<b>98,313</b>

Macarthur, it is suggested, should move north into the acreage lands in the current divisions of Fowler and Werriwa, thereby bringing all the remaining acreage lands throughout south-western Sydney within the same division. It is also proposed to bring the community of Warragamba and Silverdale into Macarthur. This community is currently in the division of Fowler, with which they share no common interests. As the area falls within the Sydney South West Area Health Service, and local students are in the catchment area for Elderslie High School, it is considered appropriate that they be in the same division as these services.

Due to the need to transfer some electors from metropolitan electorates to non-metropolitan electorates, and the need to transfer some electors from Macarthur to make room within the quota for those areas that have been added to the division, it is proposed to transfer part of the Wollondilly LGA to Hume, including Picton (which will therefore be incorporated into the same division as the nearby towns of Tahmoor and Thirlmere), as well as Wilton and The Oaks which share strong connections with Picton. Those areas of the Wollondilly LGA that have been maintained within Macarthur have not been transferred because they share strong links with the existing division of Macarthur. The community of Appin is linked by road to Campbelltown far better than to Picton. Likewise, the community of Menangle is closely connected to Camden.



**Mackellar**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Mackellar</b>	Pittwater LGA	40,460	41,847
	Part Warringah LGA <i>Bounded in the south by the boundary of the former Division of Mackellar</i> Includes all of Warringah LGA formerly in the division of Mackellar	52,379	53,543
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>92,839</b>	<b>95,390</b>
	<b>From the former Division of Warringah</b>		
Part Warringah LGA <i>Bounded to the south by the eastern boundary of Allenby Park, east along property boundaries between Brookvale Ave and Ryan Pl to Beacon Hill Rd, north along Beacon Hill Rd and southern boundary of Beacon Hill Reserve to Warringah Rd and boundary of former Division of Mackellar</i> Includes part of Beacon Hill	603	591	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>591</b>	
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>93,442</b>	<b>95,981</b>

On the existing boundaries, the division of Mackellar is at the lower end of the allowable range. To ensure the division remains within the acceptable range, it is suggested it include more of Beacon Hill, being that part of the suburb south of Warringah Road and east of Earl Reserve from the division of Warringah.

**Warringah**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Warringah</b>	Mosman LGA	18,452	18,663
	Manly LGA	24,725	25,584
	Part Warringah LGA <i>Bounded in the north by the boundary of the former Division of Warringah, deviating south at Allenby Park along the eastern border of the park, east along property boundaries between Brookvale Ave and Ryan Pl to Beacon Hill Rd, north along Beacon Hill Rd and southern boundary of Beacon Hill Reserve to Warringah Rd and boundary of former Division of Warringah, thence east to coast.</i> Includes most of Warringah LGA formerly in the division of Warringah	40,336	41,571
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>83,513</b>	<b>85,818</b>
<b>From the former Division of North Sydney</b>	Part North Sydney LGA <i>Bounded in the west by Cammeray Rd, Park Ave, Ernest St, Ben Boyd Rd, Military Rd, Barry St, Westleigh St, Raymond St, Undercliffe St, Undercliffe Lane and Hayes St.</i> Includes Cremorne, part Neutral Bay	11,401	11,725
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>11,401</b>	<b>11,725</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>94,914</b>	<b>97,543</b>

The communities of Middle Cove, Castle Cove, East Killara, East Lindfield and Roseville Chase are all transferred from Warringah into Bradfield and North Sydney. It is with these divisions that those suburbs have far stronger linkages, in terms of both the local communities and also transport. In most cases, transport from these suburbs is only into the divisions they are proposed to be transferred into, as Middle Harbour separates them completely from the division of Warringah.

To make up for the transfer of electors from Warringah, it is necessary to transfer electors into Warringah, and this can only be done from North Sydney, as Mackellar cannot logically draw additional electors from anywhere else, so Warringah cannot draw from Mackellar. To this end, it is proposed to transfer electors from Cremorne and Neutral Bay into the division of Warringah. Although the boundary between the divisions of Warringah and North Sydney at this location is presently the boundary between the North Sydney and Mosman LGAs, there is no substantial boundary other than this line on the map that separates the communities here. All are located along Military Road, and are served by similar (if not the same) bus and ferry connections into Sydney. Ultimately, while the proposed change does involve stepping beyond an existing boundary, crossing this LGA boundary is far more reasonable than crossing Middle Harbour.

**North Sydney**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of North Sydney</b>	Hunters Hill LGA	9,278	9,798
	Lane Cove LGA	21,188	21,430
	Part North Sydney LGA <i>Bounded in the east by Cammeray Rd, Park Ave, Ernest St, Ben Boyd Rd, Military Rd, Barry St, Westleigh St, Raymond St, Undercliffe St, Undercliffe Lane and Hayes St.</i> Includes all North Sydney LGA except Cremorne & part of Neutral Bay	28,556	29,939
	Part Willoughby LGA <i>Bounded in the north by the boundary of the former Division of North Sydney</i> Includes all of Willoughby LGA formerly in the division of North Sydney	23,523	23,907
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>82,545</b>	<b>85,074</b>
<b>From the former Division of Bradfield</b>	Part Willoughby LGA <i>Bounded to the north by Swaines Ck, Centennial Ave, Pacific Hwy, Albert Ave and the North Shore Rail Line to the LGA boundary</i> Includes Chatswood, Lane Cove North, part Chatswood West	11,877	12,488
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>11,877</b>	<b>12,488</b>
<b>From the former Division of Warringah</b>	Part Willoughby LGA <i>Bounded in the north by Boundary St.</i> Includes Castle Cove and Middle Cove	2,743	2,732
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,743</b>	<b>2,732</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>97,165</b>	<b>100,294</b>

As a result of the corrections made to the boundaries of Warringah, it is necessary for the division of North Sydney to gain additional electors. While this could be achieved from either Bennelong or Bradfield, there is a much longer boundary that is capable of being crossed between Bradfield and North Sydney, meaning more electors can be effectively transferred by moving the boundary a shorter distance. It also better reflects local communities of interest, bringing Chatswood rather than Ryde into a division with North Sydney.

It is suggested that the boundary move north to Boundary Street east of the railway line, transferring the electors in Castle Cove and Middle Cove (from Warringah) and Chatswood (from Bradfield) into the division of North Sydney. West of the railway line, it is proposed to move the boundary north to Swaines Creek and Centennial Avenue, transferring the remainder of Lane Cove North and part of Chatswood West from Bradfield to North Sydney.

**Bradfield**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Bradfield</b>	Part Hornsby LGA <i>Bounded in the west by the boundary of the former Division of Berowra</i> Includes all of Hornsby LGA formerly in the division of Berowra	10,356	11,539
	Part Ku-ring-gai LGA <i>Bounded in the south by the boundary of the former Division of Berowra</i> Includes all of Ku-ring-gai LGA formerly in the division of Berowra	67,370	68,572
	Part Willoughby LGA <i>Bounded to the south by Swaines Ck, Centennial Ave, Pacific Hwy, Albert Ave and the North Shore Rail Line to the LGA boundary</i> Includes part of West Chatswood	4,093	4,414
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>81,819</b>	<b>84,525</b>
<b>From the former Division of Berowra</b>	Part Hornsby LGA <i>Bounded to the west by the Main North Rail Line, Stevens St, Pennant Hills Rd, Albion St and the eastern boundary of Pennant Hills park.</i> Includes Normanhurst, parts Wahroonga, Thornleigh and Pennant Hills	5,426	5,660
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5,426</b>	<b>5,660</b>
<b>From the former Division of Warringah</b>	Part Ku-ring-gai LGA <i>Bounded to the east by Middle Harbour Ck and to the south by Boundary St.</i> Includes Roseville Chase, East Lindfield, East Killara and remainder of Roseville	6,758	6,809
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6,758</b>	<b>6,809</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>94,003</b>	<b>96,994</b>

The division of Bradfield is proposed to expand to include everything west of Middle Harbour and north of Boundary Street. This involves transferring the suburbs of Roseville Chase, East Killara and East Lindfield from the division of Warringah into the division of Bradfield on community of interest grounds. Both East Killara and East Lindfield do not have any transport links across Middle Harbour (other than through Killara and Lindfield, which are central to the current division of Bradfield.) While Roseville Chase is located on Warringah Road, and therefore has access across Middle Harbour, it is very much a part of the Ku-ring-gai community rather than the Warringah community, and is therefore more appropriately located within the division of Bradfield.

The changes suggested for North Sydney, Warringah and Bradfield still leave a deficit of electors within the proposed Bradfield. It is therefore necessary to transfer additional electors into the division. The Lane Cove River is a substantial natural boundary, so the additional electors are required to be transferred from the division of Berowra. It is suggested that the electors north of The Comenarra Parkway and east of the northern railway line be transferred from Berowra. This includes the remainder of the suburbs of Waitara and Wahroonga (most of which are already located within the division of Bradfield), the suburb of Normanhurst and a small additional part of Hornsby.

**Bennelong**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Bennelong</b>	Ryde LGA	66,404	69,079
	Part Parramatta LGA <i>Bounded to the west by the boundary of the former division of Bennelong from the intersection of Marsden and Pennant Hills Rds along Marsden Rd to the LGA boundary at the intersection of Marsden and Terry Rds, thence by that boundary to the harbour</i> Includes those parts of Epping and Eastwood in Parramatta LGA	8,473	8,953
	Part Hornsby LGA <i>Bounded in the north by the boundary of the former Division of Bennelong</i> Includes all of Hornsby LGA formerly in the division of Bennelong	16,880	16,906
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>91,757</b>	<b>94,938</b>
<b>From the former Division of Parramatta</b>	Part Baulkham Hills LGA <i>Bounded to the south and west by Pennant Hills Rd, the western boundary of Parramatta Park, Hunts Creek, and the suburban boundary between North Rocks and Carlingford to North Rocks Rd, thence west along that road to the LGA boundary</i> Includes parts Carlingford and North Parramatta (The King's School)	7,057	7,340
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7,057</b>	<b>7,340</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>98,814</b>	<b>102,278</b>

As a result of the transfer of Ermington into the division of Reid, Bennelong needs to gain additional electors. This is achieved with minimal interference to current boundaries by transferring those electors in Carlingford, between Pennant Hills Road and North Rocks Road, from the division of Parramatta to the division of Bennelong. Thus, the northern, southern and eastern boundaries of Bennelong are maintained without change, and only a small change is made at the western boundary, with the transfer of Ermington to Reid and part of Carlingford from Parramatta.

## Berowra

### How Constituted

		Current	Projected
<b>From the former Division of Berowra</b>	Part Baulkham Hills LGA <i>Bounded in the west by the boundary of the former Division of Berowra</i> Includes all of Baulkham Hills LGA formerly in the division of Berowra	15,674	16,413
	Part Hornsby LGA <i>Bounded in the east by the boundary of the former Division of Berowra south to the intersection of that boundary with the Main North Rail Line at Hornsby, then south along the rail line, Stevens St, Pennant Hills Rd, Albion St and the eastern boundary of Pennant Hills Park to the LGA boundary</i> Includes all of Hornsby LGA formerly in the division of Berowra except Normanhurst, parts Wahroonga, Thornleigh and Pennant Hills	69,480	70,624
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>85,154</b>	<b>87,037</b>
<b>From the former Division of Mitchell</b>	Part Baulkham Hills LGA <i>Bounded in the west by Deborah Rd, Annangrove Rd, unnamed rd, Cattai Ck, unnamed creek and property boundaries between Carinda Dr and Fingal Ave to Glenhaven Rd, west along Glenhaven Rd, north and east along Old Glenhaven Rd, Glenhaven Rd to LGA boundary, south along Highs Rd, Excelsior Ck and Darling Mills Ck to the boundary of the former Division of Berowra</i> Includes Annangrove, Kenthurst, parts Glenhaven, remainder Dural and West Pennant Hills	5,088	5,443
	<i>Remainder Hornsby LGA</i> Includes parts Castle Hill and Glenhaven	3,482	3,642
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8,570</b>	<b>9,085</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>93,724</b>	<b>96,122</b>

Being below the acceptable enrolment range on the current boundaries, and needing to provide some electors to the division of Bradfield to bring that division within the required range, Berowra needs to expand to increase its enrolment. It is proposed that Berowra gain these electors from Mitchell, with which there are strong community of interest ties. The first change suggested is to transfer that part of West Pennant Hills around Highs Road currently in the division of Mitchell into Berowra, where the majority of West Pennant Hills is already located.



It is then proposed to transfer the small part of the Hornsby LGA currently in Mitchell, being the area in the vicinity of Castle Hill Road and Old Northern Road, into Berowra. Finally, it is proposed to transfer to Berowra the acreage lands in the north-west of Mitchell, including Kenthurst, Annangrove and Dural, which share strong community of interest ties with similar areas to the north and east that are already incorporated within the division of Berowra.

**Mitchell**  
How Constituted

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Mitchell</b>	Part Baulkham Hills LGA <i>Bounded in the east by the boundary of the former Division of Mitchell, south to Deborah Rd, Annangrove Rd, unnamed rd, Cattai Ck, unnamed creek and property boundaries between Carinda Dr and Fingal Ave to Glenhaven Rd, west along Glenhaven Rd, north and east along Old Glenhaven Rd, Glenhaven Rd to LGA boundary, south along Highs Rd, Excelsior Ck and Darling Mills Ck to the boundary of the former Division of Mitchell</i> Includes most of Baulkham Hills LGA formerly in Mitchell except West Pennant Hills, Annangrove and Kenthurst	77,243	84,963
	Part Parramatta LGA <i>Bounded to the south by the boundary of the former Division of Mitchell</i> Part Baulkham Hills	2,274	2,250
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>79,517</b>	<b>87,213</b>
	<b>From the former Division of Parramatta</b>		
Part Baulkham Hills LGA <i>Bounded in the south by the suburban boundary between Carlingford and North Rocks and thence by Hunts Creek to the LGA boundary.</i> Includes North Rocks and part Northmead	4,228	4,352	
Part Parramatta LGA <i>Bounded in the south by Old Windsor Rd, Toongabbie Ck and the Parramatta River</i> Includes Winston Hills, Old Toongabbie and remainder Northmead	10,263	10,686	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>14,491</b>	<b>15,038</b>	
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>94,008</b>	<b>102,251</b>

As a result of the transfer of electors from the division of Mitchell to the division of Berowra, Mitchell needs to gain additional electors. This is achieved by extending the western boundary south along Old Windsor Road to Toongabbie Creek and Hunts Creek, transferring to the division of Mitchell the remaining parts of the suburbs of Baulkham Hills, Winston Hills and North Rocks, as well as Northmead, and the majority of Constitution Hill (Old Toongabbie).

While this addition to the division of Mitchell does involve crossing the M2 and M7 motorways at the south-western boundary of the existing division, the current divisional boundaries cross the motorway more often than they use it as the boundary. Extending the division to the south as proposed allows the inclusion of those parts of Baulkham Hills, Winston Hills and North Rocks that simply could not be included in Mitchell within the enrolment range required at the last redistribution.

**Parramatta**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Parramatta</b>	Part Holroyd LGA <i>Bounded to the south and east by the boundary of the former Division of Parramatta</i> Includes all of Holroyd LGA formerly in the Division of Parramatta	9,535	10,382
	Part Parramatta LGA <i>Bounded to the south by the LGA boundary running east to the boundary of the former Division of Parramatta, along that boundary to meet the LGA boundary again at James Ruse Dr, north and west along that boundary, thence along the Parramatta River and Toongabbie Ck and Old Windsor Rd to the LGA boundary at Reynolds Park</i> Includes Parramatta, Toongabbie, part Westmead, Wentworthville, Harris Park and Pendle Hill	22,051	24,066
	Part Blacktown LGA <i>Bounded to the north by the southern suburban boundaries of Kings Langley</i> Includes all Blacktown LGA previously in Parramatta except Kings Langley	24,369	25,085
	Part Baulkham Hills LGA <i>Bounded to the north by Pennant Hills Rd</i> That part of the suburb of Oatlands located in Baulkham Hills LGA	2,417	2,489
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>58,372</b>	<b>62,022</b>
<b>From the former Division of Chilley (&amp; part of one CCD from Prospect)</b>	Part Blacktown LGA <i>Bounded to the west by Eastern Ck, Western Rail Line, Richmond Rail Line and Breakfast Ck</i> Includes Arndell Park, parts Blacktown & Doonside	25,473	26,558
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>25,473</b>	<b>26,558</b>
<b>From the former Division of Reid</b>	Part Holroyd LGA <i>Bounded to the south by the Western Motorway</i> Includes Mays Hill, part Westmead, Wentworthville, Parramatta	6,404	6,896
	Part Parramatta LGA <i>Bounded to the south by the Western Motorway, Harris St and the Parramatta River.</i> Includes part Harris Park, part Parramatta	4,164	5,146
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10,568</b>	<b>12,042</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>94,413</b>	<b>100,622</b>

The current redistribution provides the opportunity to return the Parramatta CBD to the division of Parramatta, which is achieved in the divisional boundaries suggested here, with the southern boundary moving further south to the M4 motorway west of Harris Street, transferring those electors to the division of Parramatta from Reid.

To the north and east of the existing division the boundaries are rationalised, with Old Windsor Road, Toongabbie Creek, Hunts Creek and the boundary of North Rocks forming the proposed boundary between the divisions of Mitchell and Parramatta. These changes allow those areas that were only partly within the division of Parramatta, including parts of Carlingford, North Rocks, Baulkham Hills, and Winston Hills to be transferred so they are entirely outside the division.

The suggested division then extends west to Eastern Creek south of the western railway line, incorporating a greater part of Blacktown and the Blacktown CBD into the one division, along with the southern part of the suburb of Doonside which connects strongly into Blacktown. To address a small deficit of electors in the division of Greenway, the suburb of Kings Langley is transferred back into that division.

**Greenway**  
How Constituted

		Current	Projected
<b>From the former Division of Greenway</b>	Part Hawkesbury LGA <i>Bounded to the west by the boundary of the former Division of Greenway</i> Includes all Hawkesbury LGA previously in the Division of Greenway	41,288	43,634
	Part Blacktown LGA <i>Bounded to the south by the boundary of the former Division of Greenway to the Richmond Rail Line, north along this line to the M7 motorway, thence west along the motorway to the boundary of the former Division</i> Includes all Blacktown LGA in the former division of Greenway except Quakers Hill and Marayong	38,667	45,247
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>79,955</b>	<b>88,881</b>
<b>From the former Division of Parramatta</b>	Part Blacktown LGA <i>Bounded to the south by the southern suburban boundaries of Kings Langley</i> Kings Langley	6,703	6,798
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6,703</b>	<b>6,798</b>
<b>From the former Division of Macquarie</b>	Part Hawkesbury LGA <i>Remainder of Hawkesbury LGA</i> Includes Mt Tomah and Bilpin	191	189
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>189</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>86,849</b>	<b>95,868</b>

The division of Greenway is largely unchanged. The northern part of the Penrith LGA is proposed to be transferred to the division of Lindsay to bring that division closer to the enrolment quota, and Marayong and the southern part of Quakers Hill are proposed to be transferred to the division of Chifley to address that division's deficit of electors.

Greenway is proposed to expand into the area of the Hawkesbury LGA around Bilpin that is currently in the division of Macquarie, thereby incorporating the whole of the Hawkesbury LGA within the division of Greenway. To address the modest deficit in electors as a result of changes to improve the enrolment of Chifley and Lindsay, the division of Greenway is proposed to expand south back into Kings Langley.

**Chifley**  
*How Constituted*

		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Chifley</b>	Part Blacktown LGA <i>Bounded to the east by the Western Rail Line, Richmond Rail Line and Breakfast Ck</i> All Blacktown LGA formerly in the Division of Chifley except Arndell Park, parts Blacktown & Doonside	67,660	71,552
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>67,660</b>	<b>71,552</b>
<b>From the former Division of Prospect</b>	Part Blacktown LGA <i>Bounded to the south by the Sydney Water Supply Pipeline</i> Includes Minchinbury	3,332	3,455
	Part Penrith LGA <i>Bounded to the north and west by the boundary of the former Divisions of Prospect and Lindsay</i> Includes St Clair & Erskine Park	18,933	19,702
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>22,265</b>	<b>23,157</b>
<b>From the former Division of Greenway</b>	Part Blacktown LGA <i>Bounded in the north by the Richmond Rail Line and the M7 Motorway</i> Includes the remainder of Maryong and Quakers Hill	3,434	3,558
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,434</b>	<b>3,558</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>93,359</b>	<b>98,267</b>

The changes to the division of Prospect provide an opportunity to address the anomaly of the suburbs of Minchinbury, St Clair and Erskine Park being presently included in that division. The suburb of Minchinbury has an obvious community of interest tie with Rooty Hill and Mount Druitt, being its only neighbouring suburbs and having direct road linkages across the Great Western Highway.

The suburbs of St Clair and Erskine Park have strong community of interest ties to both St Marys and Mt Druitt, with good transport access along Mamre Road and Carlisle Avenue respectively, and could justifiably be located in a division with either area (or both). In the interests of causing as little disruption as possible to electors, it is suggested these suburbs be transferred to Chifley.

The suburb of Doonside and most of the remainder of the suburb of Blacktown are transferred from Chifley to the division of Parramatta to address that division's deficit of electors as a result of changes to its boundaries with Mitchell, Bennelong and Reid. This creates a slight deficit of electors in the division of Chifley, which is addressed by transferring Marayong and that part of Quakers Hill south of the M7 motorway into the division of Chifley.

**Lindsay**  
*How Constituted*

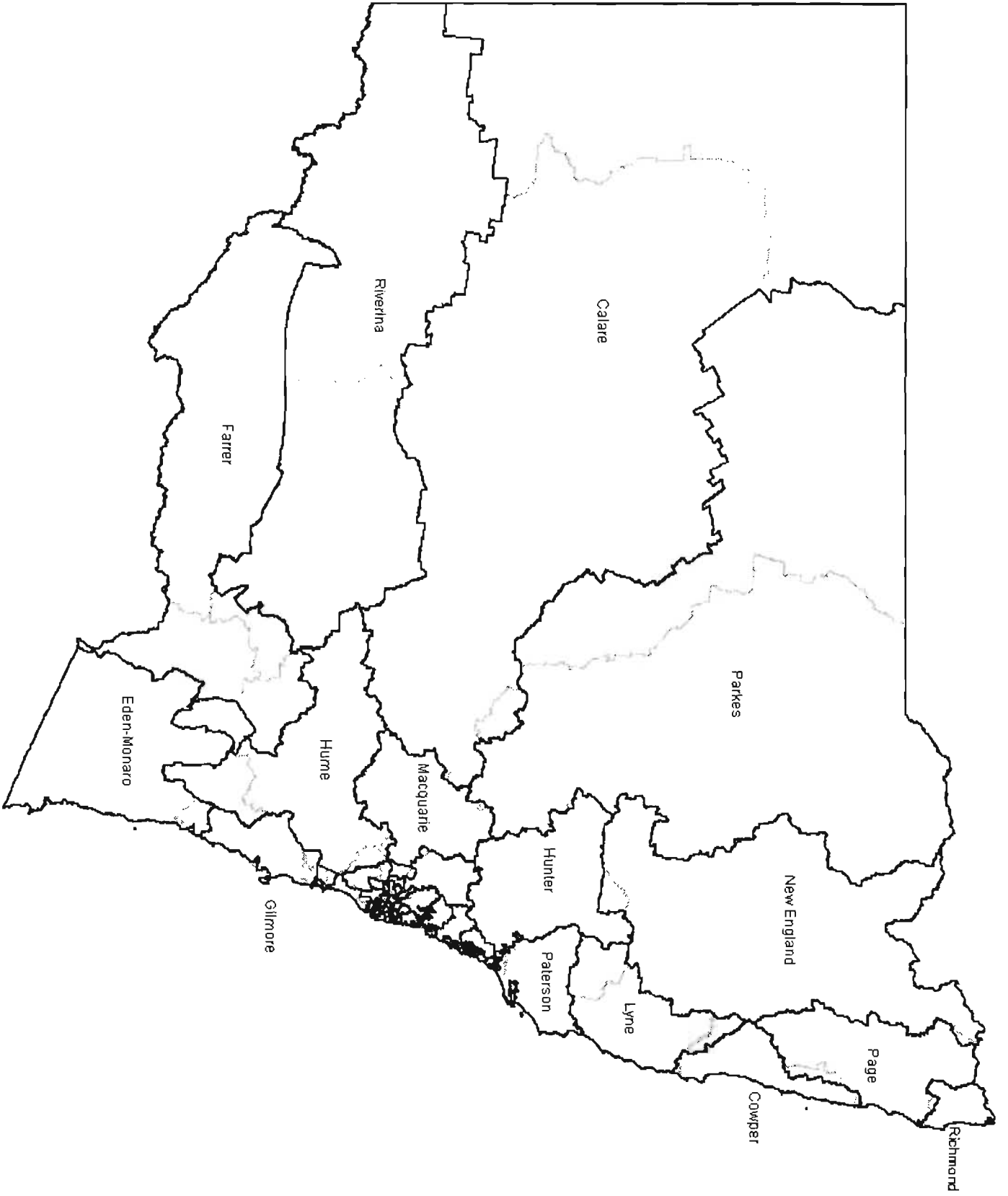
		<b>Current</b>	<b>Projected</b>
<b>From the former Division of Lindsay</b>	Part Penrith LGA <i>Bounded in the north and east by the boundary of the former Division of Lindsay</i> Includes all of Penrith LGA formerly in the Division of Lindsay	90,831	95,501
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>90,831</b>	<b>95,501</b>
<b>From the former Division of Greenway</b>	Part Penrith LGA <i>Bounded to the south by the northern boundary of the former Division of Lindsay</i> Includes Londonderry, part Agnes Banks	3,727	3,963
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,727</b>	<b>3,963</b>
<b>Total for suggested division</b>		<b>94,558</b>	<b>99,464</b>

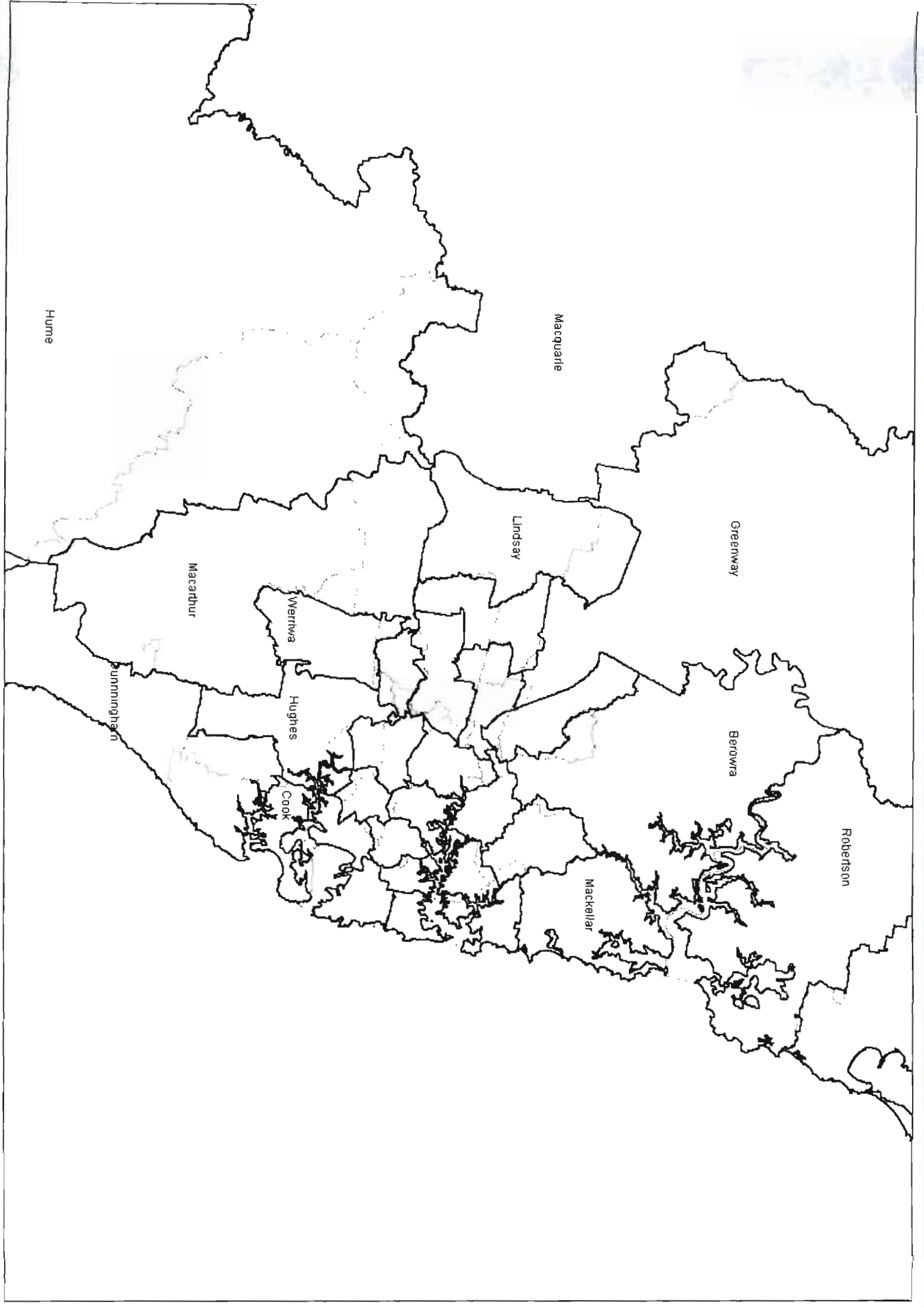
The division of Lindsay is at the very lower end of the acceptable enrolment range, so it is proposed to extend the boundaries of the division to bring the projected enrolment closer to the enrolment quota. This is achieved by moving the northern boundary of the division north to the Penrith-Hawkesbury LGA boundary.

While this puts the division above the enrolment quota, it remains within the acceptable range and is closer to the quota than the current boundaries. It also represents a simple change to the boundary, which ought to avoid unnecessary confusion for local electors, while maintaining strong community of interest ties from this area in the north of the Penrith LGA with Penrith itself.









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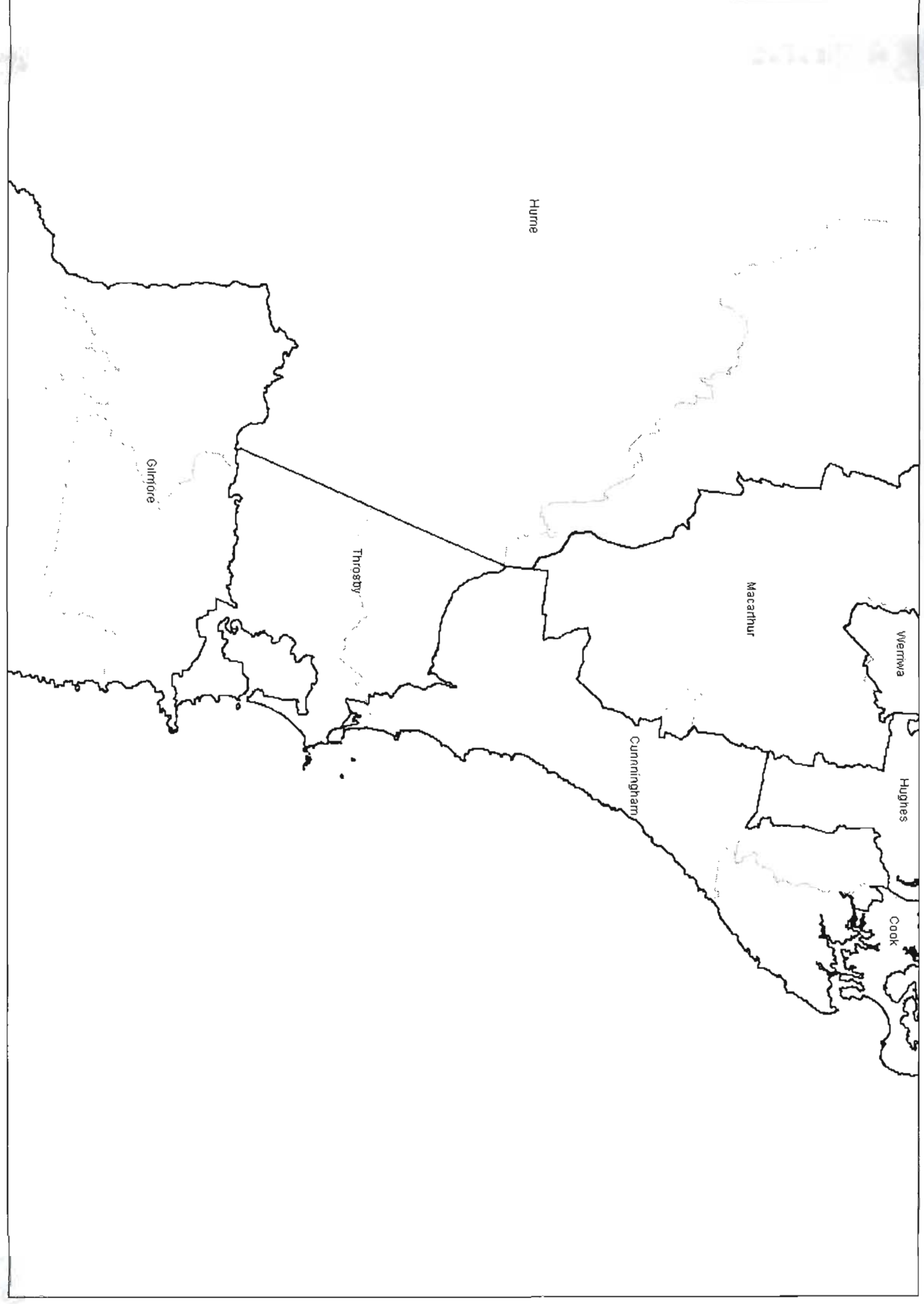
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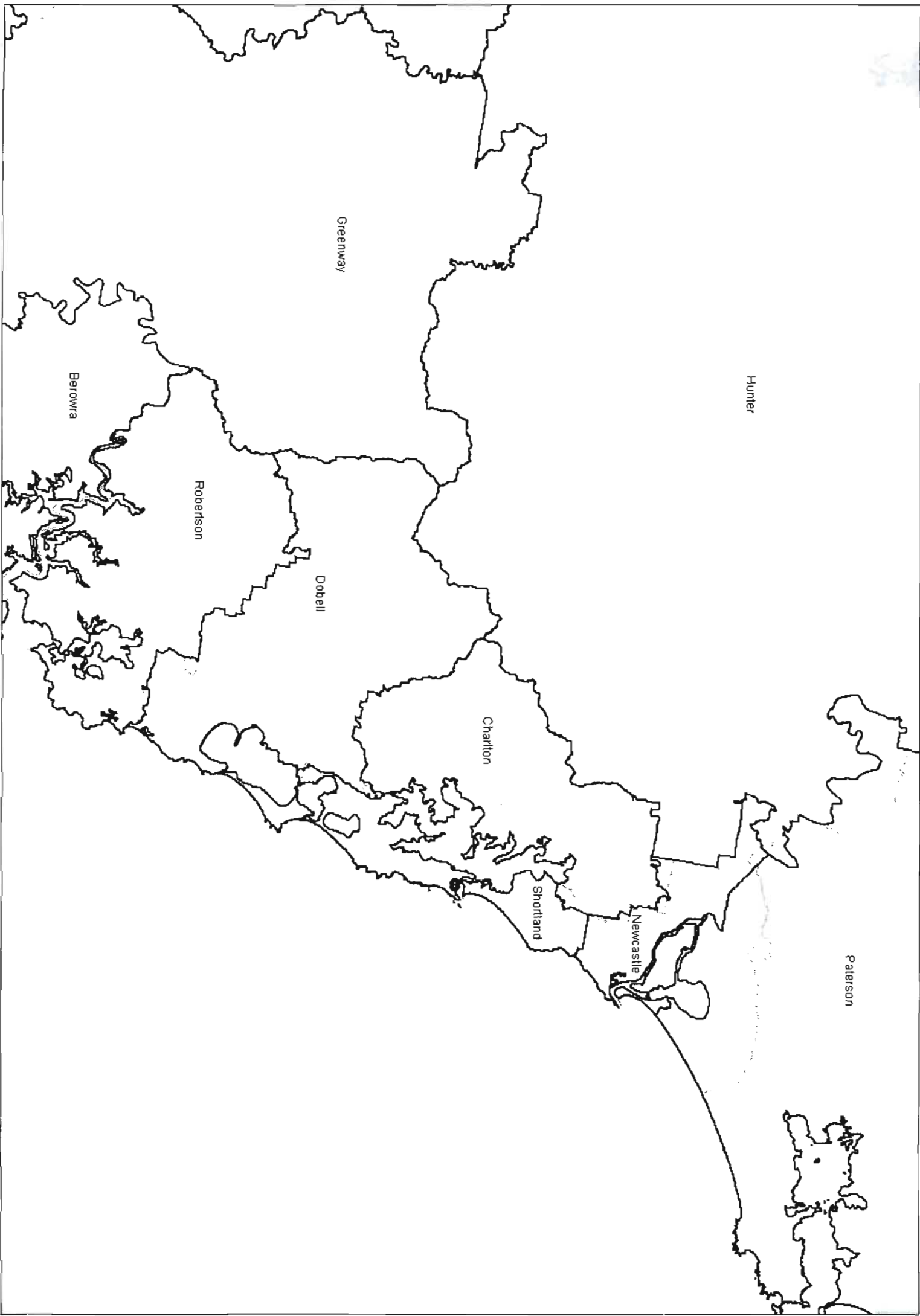
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