



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES

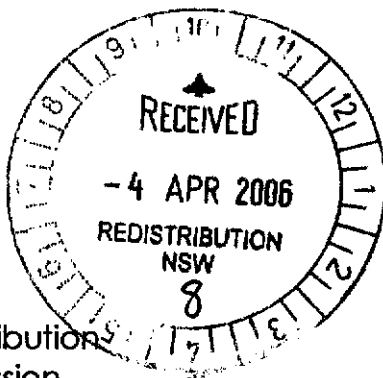


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Commissioner - NSW Redistribution
Australian Electoral Commission
Level 4 Roden Cutler House
24 Campbell Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Commissioner,

I write with regard to the current Federal redistribution process currently underway in New South Wales.

While I acknowledge a number of changes are required, particularly in the Federal Seat of Lyne where the projected number of electors is over the quota set by the Commission, I am concerned by a submission put forward suggesting that towns such as Wingham, Old Bar, Wallabi Point, Oxley and Mitchells Island move into the seat of Paterson.

These towns are within minutes drive to Taree (which is the major service centre), are part of the Greater Taree City Council area and are very much communities of interest. While I understand some villages within our local government area, particularly those geographically closer to Forster/Tuncurry or Gloucester, may need to move into the seat of Paterson, I fail to see the logic in the inclusion of those towns and villages above.

My understanding of this process is that the Australian Electoral Commission seeks to have as little change possible in redistributions, ensuring as best it can that communities of interest continue to remain within the same area of representation.

Your consideration of these matters would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eddie Loftus".

Eddie Loftus
MAYOR