



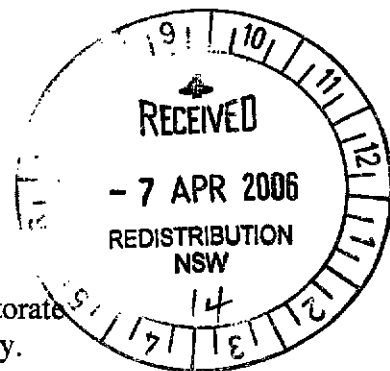
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NEW SOUTH WALES



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Dear Commissioners

I write to you regarding possible redistribution of current Federal Electorate Divisions, in particular the divisions of Lindsay, Macquarie and Chifley.

I read with interest the public suggestion submitted by the Australian Labour Party (<http://www.aec.gov.au/content/why/redistributions/2005/nsw/sugg.htm>) regarding the social connection between the Blue Mountains and Penrith.

As a resident of Werrington County the region that I live in under the ALP suggestion will be redistributed in to the division of Chifley. The social implications of this suggested redistribution are far greater than that suggested I the redistribution of the Blue Mountains LGA into the division of Lindsay.

Fundamental to the suggested redistribution by the ALP is that residents of Blue Mountains LGA feel more connected to the Penrith LGA than actual residents of the Penrith LGA, like those in Werrington County.

Under the ALP suggestion residents east of Parker St (Northern Road) will be in the division of Chifley. The residents of these areas have a far greater affiliation with the Penrith LGA than those of the Blue Mountains. I personally am involved with a number of sporting organisations (AFL, Cricket and Hockey) all of which currently operate within the current division of Lindsay. I went to school at St Dominic's College which is nothing short of a Penrith institution and under the ALP suggestion is in the division of Chifley.

My family doctor is located in the Penrith LGA as is my car mechanic, dentist, main shopping outlets and recreational facilities. All of these services link me and other residents east of Parker St with the Penrith LGA more than residents of the Blue Mountains.

Residents of the Blue Mountains want to be residents of the Blue Mountains not Penrith. The current divisions of Macquarie and Lindsay geographically reflect how residents of these two very distinct regions view themselves both personally and socially.

The local issues of the Blue Mountains differ greatly from that of Penrith and the current distributions of these two divisions allow residents to vote in what they would call their local area.

I would encourage you to maintain the current boundaries of Lindsay and Macquarie as best you can as this is the truest reflection of the social makeup of this region of Western Sydney.

Yours sincerely,

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