

The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Sirs.

Please find below comments on the recent suggestion by the Australian Labor Party (ALP) regarding the border between the electorates of Page and Cowper.

The ALP has suggested that the existing border be drastically changed to move Yamba from Cowper to Page and the rural communities around Nymboida be moved from Page to Cowper.

While it must be acknowledged that Page electorate is under the quota of electors it seems more sensible to draw any needed elector numbers from Richmond.

This would allow the boundary between Cowper and Page to remain as the Clarence River, which is a clear and commonsense boundary. Any change to this boundary would be confusing to local residents.

In regard to the Nymboida area, it would appear to be uncalled for to remove areas from an electorate that is already under quota when more simple additions can be made in the north.

I commend these comments to you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Gulaptis