



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



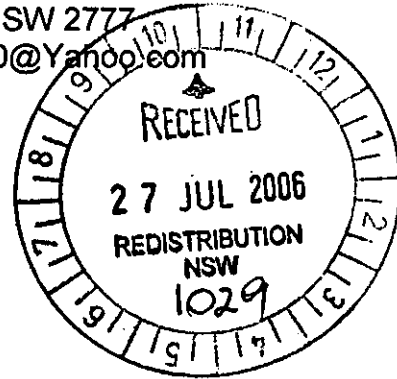
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**RE: REDISTRIBUTION OF BOUNDRIES FOR THE FEDERAL SEAT OF  
MACQUARIE**

Dear Sir/Madam

I have recently become aware of the proposed changes to the boundaries of the federal seat of Macquarie. As I have been a resident in the electorate for approximately 33 years I am concerned the changes are not in the best interests of the community and neither do they met the requirements of section 66(3) of the Electoral Act (the Act). My reasons are as follows:-

1. The Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury communities have very little economic or social connection with the Bathurst /Oberon community. The latter is rural where residents of the former live in areas that are in reality the outer suburbs of Sydney.
2. The residents living in the Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury area in the main commute to work in the Sydney CBD or commercial and industrial areas within the greater Sydney area.
3. The main industries west of the Blue Mountains are agriculture and mining.
4. Residents in the Blue Mountains and the Hawkesbury region have major concerns about environmental issues.
5. The Blue Mountains provide a clear physical divide between the two communities. The Mountains have historically provided a divide between the city and the country.
6. Although the rail and road networks provide a link between the communities in practice there is very little economic and social interaction between the communities.
7. The boundaries do not coincide with the existing state boundaries.

8. It practice it would be difficult for any elected member to keep abreast of the diverse range of issues involving the two communities. Also with half the electorate city based and the other country there could be conflicts of interest as has historically occurred.
9. It would be more costly for a local member to cover the area and more than one electoral office may be required.
10. It could be more difficult for residents to contact their local member, i.e. people from Bathurst are not going to travel to Springwood and neither are people from Springwood going to travel to Bathurst.
11. Local members may have more empathy and support in one community and neglect the other.

I trust the Committee will give due consideration to my representations.

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Yours faithfully

Lance Egan