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The Redistribution Commission

Dear Commissioners,

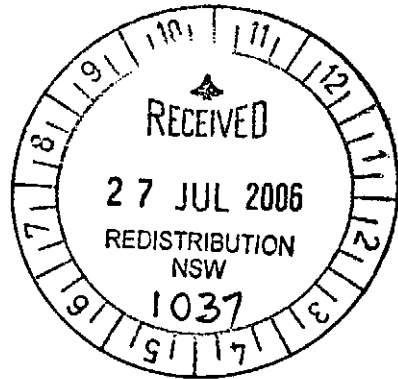
Please find attached my objection and comments on the Redistribution of
the Federal Electorates in NSW.

Regards

Alan Eagle
27th July 2006



Comments on the Redistribution of Macquarie.PDF



The Redistribution Committee
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I would like to register my objection to the redistribution of boundaries to the NSW Federal Electorate of Macquarie and therefore proposed changes to the Greenway electorate.

The Macquarie electorate today takes into account a unique part of the Australia.

It would seem the commission needs to take a risk in this instance and interpret the guidelines of what is fair and therefore producing fairer boundaries when considering the boundaries of both the proposed 'Greenway' electorate and the proposed Macquarie electorate. The guidelines also refer to natural boundaries and it is clear that the Great Dividing Range (I wonder why they name it that !) is one of those boundaries.

The current Macquarie electorate has its roots firmly planted in history and the retention of the communities of interest working together in the one electorate should be a major factor in keeping the boundaries as they are.

The Hawkesbury, Blue Mountains are synonymous with the footsteps of great explorers and as such the growing business of tourism binds them together. The current boundaries have so much more in common than the current Greenway Electorate and the proposed Greenway Electorate. Policy making and policy implementation are much easier when you have 'common ground' to work with.

The distribution of the previous state electoral boundaries shows this when the tightly dense population of the Mount Druitt is the same electorate as the rolling hills of Kurrajong and beyond. (The state Londonderry Electorate). Where is the common ground?

Communities relate to each other when there are common issues and therefore they become more productive.

It would seem that towns like Richmond, Windsor and Kurrajong etc will be disadvantaged again because of the growing pressure of the urban sprawl. They will become the outposts of Greenway.

These towns are currently (current Macquarie Electorate) the gateway to the Blue Mountains and work closely with the Blue Mountains to improve the region.

Both areas (Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains) suffer problems with access to services. Working together they make strong advocates to improving access, but with towns stuck on the end of 'Greenway' the impetus will be lost, again.

The Hawkesbury and the Blue Mountains act as one in the protection of the environment, tourism and new business development and it should be kept that way.

It seems that the commission has the power to vary the boundaries and the percentage variance relating to the number of people in each electorate and I ask to you to take the risk and trust us, the people, to deliver great communities, working together to grow and succeed.

Regard

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27th July 2006