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NEW SOUTH WALES



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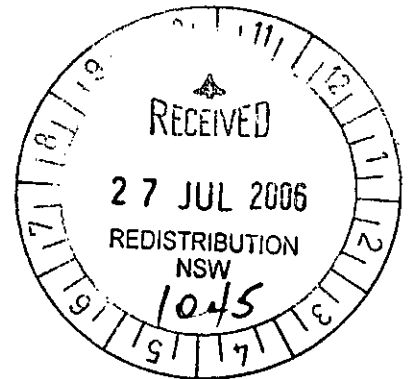
To Redistribution Committee

Please find attached our submission on how the effect of the redistribution will impact on the  
Macquarie Electorate.

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AEC submission on macquarie.doc





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Redistribution Committee for NSW  
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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Proposed Boundary Changes-Macquarie Electorate**

It was with great concern the Hawkesbury Historical Society learnt of the proposed boundary changes to be introduced with regard to the 'Macquarie' Electorate.

The Macquarie Electorate has a great depth of history especially around the townships of Windsor, Richmond, Wilberforce, Pitt Town and Castlereagh. The background to the history surrounding these areas is recalled from November-December 1810 when Governor Lachlan Macquarie together with his party travelled extensively throughout the Hawkesbury and Nepean Valleys.

He visited possible town sites on 6<sup>th</sup> December 1810 so he could determine which ones were above flood inundation by the Hawkesbury River. He subsequently named the five major towns at a dinner in the Government House at Windsor. These towns, now known as the five Macquarie Towns are Windsor, Richmond, Wilberforce, Pitt Town and Castlereagh.

Governor Macquarie had a great vision for the Hawkesbury and with these historical links it is imperative to the well-being of these communities that the generations to come still retain their links both socially and culturally.

The Hawkesbury is much more aligned with the Blue Mountains with national parks and bushland and also share a common interest in tourism. The Hawkesbury Historical Society operate a museum in Windsor and always advise tourists on their travel plans which encompass the history of the Hawkesbury before they do the round trip to the Blue Mountains and back to the city.

To split the Macquarie ideal is to cease to acknowledge the great contribution that Governor Macquarie made to this region and his vision for the future, naming of the town sites, one being Windsor, which is the regional administration centre for the Hawkesbury, as it remains to this day.

Our most progressive and historically minded Hawkesbury residents have been planning a celebration for the bicentenary for 2010, activities that commenced last year, to re-enact the naming of the five Macquarie Towns from Governor Macquarie's day in 1810. This is most important to these communities but will have little value if the Macquarie ideal regarding these townships is destroyed. These communities now are within the boundaries of Greenway, which will effectively obliterate the strong historical connections these people have with Macquarie and also the strong links with the Blue Mountains.

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It is interesting to note in the web release of the AEC, which I quote:

**“Redistribution – Frequently Asked Questions’**

*What criteria are used to draw the boundaries?*

*The Committee must consider:*

- *community interests within the division including economic, social and regional interests*
- *means of communication and travel within a division*
- *physical features and area*
- *existing boundaries of divisions*
- *enrolment (both current enrolment and projected enrolment three and a half years after the redistribution).”*

When drawing up these draft boundaries these points have not been considered in the Hawkesbury region nor the implications of such a drastic change.

We would urge you most strongly to reconsider these boundaries to bring cohesion back to our communities that live and work together in these areas.

Yours faithfully

(Original Signed)  
Judy Newland  
Secretary