



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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Keep the heart of Parramatta in Parramatta!

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Re: Proposed Redistribution of Parramatta

Dear Members of the Redistribution Committee,

I am writing to voice my strong objection to the proposed new boundaries for the Federal seat of Parramatta.

Not only does the proposed new division lose the greater part of the Parramatta CBD as you write in your report, it also loses Parramatta Station, Westfield Parramatta, the new Parramatta Legal Precinct, the restaurants and cafes of Church Street, Parramatta Town Hall, half of the Parramatta Campus of the University of Western Sydney, the Riverside Theatre and Parramatta Cathedral, in short the cultural, political, economic and commercial heart of Parramatta. Your reference to 60% of electors remaining the same conveniently disguises the fact that the 40% of electors lost include the heart of Parramatta in every respect, which makes your suggestion to retain the federation name of Parramatta a farce.

For a successful future of the second CBD in Sydney it is crucial that strategic planning be facilitated, not burdened with artificially increased numbers of politicians involved in the planning for Parramatta.

Please respect Parramatta's cultural, political, economic and commercial life and do not reduce the federal seat of Parramatta to an empty shell! The head of the Parramatta River and North Parramatta you mention in your report as what is left from Parramatta is certainly not a substitute for the heart of our city, and I hence urge you to reconsider your proposal.

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