



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Keep historic Parramatta whole!

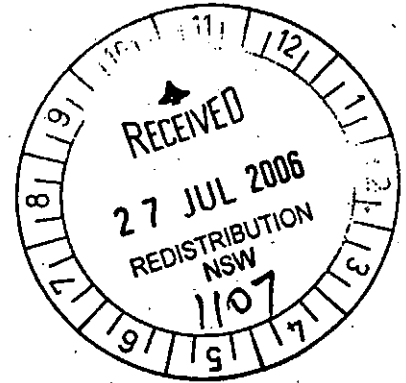
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Re: Proposed Redistribution of Parramatta

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 almost all of the historical buildings that are accessible to the public. Your reference to 60% of electors remaining the same conveniently disguises the fact that historical Parramatta will no longer make part of the seat, and hence your suggestion to retain the federation name of Parramatta is utterly inappropriate.

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 living heritage 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 whole of our historical inheritance, and I hence urge you to reconsider your proposal.

Mark Blakford