



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES

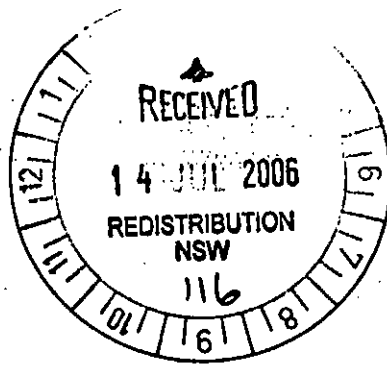


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Dear Redistribution Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the proposed redistribution of the federal electoral boundaries in NSW.

I wish to comment on the proposed divisions of Macquarie and Greenway.

I am opposed to the proposed new boundaries for both electorates. The Hawkesbury has been part of the Macquarie electorate since 1984 and has been very well represented over those years by the current and previous members. I am at a loss to understand after having pretty much the same boundaries (with the exception of minor changes) for 22 years why the seat needs to be changed. Both the Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains share a lot in common, mostly on a geographical and demographical basis. If anything, Macquarie should be moving eastwards to absorb the anticipated population growth around the Kellyville and Rouse Hill areas, whilst maintaining its existing boundaries in the north, west and south.

On the proposed division of Greenway, the Hawkesbury and Blacktown areas share very little in common, especially in demographics. Also the proposed boundaries in the western side of the electorate make no sense whatsoever. The proposed boundaries appear to split the township of Bilpin in two between Macquarie and Greenway. Should the Redistribution Committee decide to put the Hawkesbury in Greenway, it would make sense to have the entire Hawkesbury LGA in the one electorate, rather than leave a small, thinly populated part out. Including this small part in Greenway instead of Macquarie will not have any effect on keeping both electorates within the quota, given the small population of the area. Plus, it will maintain consistency with the boundaries.

I urge the Redistribution Committee to consider these factors in determining the final boundaries.

Yours sincerely

Paul Mech