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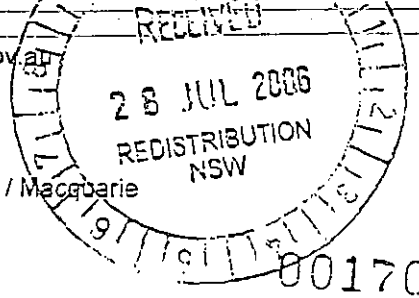
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The Redistribution Committee for New South Wales  
 Australian Electoral Commission  
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Dear Committee,

I wish to lodge my objection to the proposed redistribution of New South Wales' Federal Electoral Divisions, particularly with respect to the proposed Divisions of Calare and Macquarie.

My three main arguments are that:

1. At the very least, Bathurst Regional Council (BRC) should not be split over the two Divisions of Calare and Macquarie.

In your proposal, the area in the north of BRC would be included in the Macquarie Division, whereas the rest of BRC would be in Calare. This is nonsensical with respect to your 'community of interest' and 'travel' requirements. The area in the north of BRC has one sealed road out of the area, namely Freemantle Road. That road leads into the city of Bathurst. People in the north of BRC work, go to school, shop and do business in Bathurst.

The nearest city within the proposed Macquarie Division for the people in the north of BRC would be Lithgow. To travel to Lithgow from the north of BRC, one travels through Bathurst.

Thus, if the north of BRC is not included in the same Division as the city of Bathurst, then the north of BRC will become an isolated area within the proposed Macquarie Division.

It would be sensible to include the north of BRC in the same electorate as the city of Bathurst.

2. The whole of Bathurst Regional Council should be in the same Division as the surrounding rural cities and regions.

Bathurst Regional Council consists of the city of Bathurst, surrounded by rural areas, and

agricultural activities. It therefore has far more in common with nearby Local Government areas such as Orange, Cabonne, Blayney, Cowra and Oberon than it does with the more city-oriented aspects of the proposed Macquarie Division.

With respect to your 'community of interest', and 'travel' requirements, the whole of Bathurst Regional Council should be in a rural Division.

3. The City of Lithgow should be included in a rural Division, not Macquarie.

There are diverse communities within your proposed Macquarie Division. The City of Lithgow is far more similar with respect to 'community of interest' to a rural electorate, than a metropolitan electorate.

Your Proposal report implies that the Great Dividing Range is no longer the barrier that it used to be. However, a drive down Victoria Pass from the Blue Mountains towards Lithgow will immediately reveal a change in geography, land use, and demographics. A Federal Division should not span that part of the Great Dividing Range, as it still is an area of great change with respect to travel and communities of interest.

Yours Sincerely

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