

The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES

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Mr Ian Campbell
Electoral Commissioner
Chair of the Redistribution Committee for NSW
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JCA CONSTITUENT ORGANISATIONS...

Academy BJE
- NSW Board of
Jewish Education

ACT Jewish Community

Australian Jewish Historical Society

B'nai B'rith

Committee for Jewish Higher Education

Emanuel School

JewishCare

Jewish Folk Centre

Masada College

Moriah College

Mount Sinai College

National Council of Jewish Women

NSW Board of Progressive Jewish Education

NSW Jewish Board of Deputies

Sir Moses Montefiore Jewish Home

Sydney Jewish Museum

The Shalom Institute

Dear Mr Campbell

On behalf of the Jewish Communal Appeal (JCA), I urge you to keep the area of Randwick up to Alison Road in the Wentworth Electorate because of its strong Jewish ties.

The JCA is the central fundraising, planning and facilitating organisation for the NSW Jewish community. Established in 1967, the JCA was founded to manage an annual communal fundraising appeal and to enable an equitable distribution of communal funds. Today, there are 18 constituent organisations covering schools, tertiary and continuing education, welfare, family, aged and communal services.

Our activities are largely focussed on the Wentworth Electorate, which is the heart and soul of Sydney's thriving Jewish community. With a myriad of services and an array of synagogues, Wentworth is the envy of other Jewish communities in the world. It is the only Electorate in NSW with a Jewish character.

Two of our key constituent organisations are the Emanuel School at 20 Stanley Street Randwick and the Sir Moses Montefiore Home for the Aged on the corner of King and Dangar Streets Randwick, which is scheduled to open in August 2006.

We are immensely proud of these magnificent institutions. Our slogan "today, tomorrow, forever" is particularly relevant to them. These great communal assets are fundamental to the future welfare, strength and vibrancy of the NSW Jewish community.

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The Emanuel School gives our children more than an education – it gives them a wonderful start in life. It is a thriving co-educational contemporary Jewish day school providing educational and academic excellence from preschool to Year 12. The campus also boasts landmark buildings of historic value and importance and a Synagogue. In last year's HSC, an impressive 33% of students gained UAIs over 95. It has been ranked in the top 20 schools in NSW over the last two years.

The new Sir Moses Montefiore Home for the Aged will provide exceptional care for the aged while embracing the richness of Jewish culture and tradition. It will be the pride of the Jewish community and a world leader when it comes to the quality of service for our elders. With the latest technological and design innovations, it will lead the industry in every facet of best practice in aged care. The development, which is on an expansive 3.5 hectare site, will include approximately 280 rooms, a Synagogue, and hydrotherapy pool. With a rapidly ageing Jewish population in NSW, the facility is expected to expand to 400 rooms.

We are also delighted that in a partnership with another constituent organisation, the JewishCare Burger Aged Day Care Centre, is relocating from Woollahra to a state of the art facility on the Randwick Montefiore campus. This further cements the Jewish presence in Randwick.

We ask that the critical mass of our small community and its major institutions not be diluted further by the proposed redistribution. In addition, the Emanuel School, JewishCare and the new Sir Moses Montefiore Home for the Aged have abiding and strengthening Jewish connections to Wentworth. In the best interests of the Jewish community, we ask for them to remain in Wentworth, which has a proud and unified Jewish identity.

We believe that the views and sentiments expressed in this letter are consistent with those expressed by the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, our community's other roofbody organisation.

Yours sincerely

David Balkin President