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Please find attached submission on the Proposed Electoral Boundary Redistribution – Paterson.

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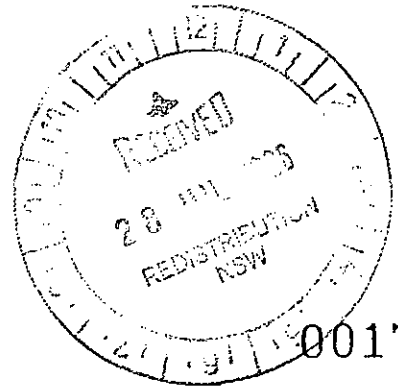
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# Office of the Mayor

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28 July 2006

Mr David Farrell  
Australian Electoral Officer for New South Wales  
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Dear Sir

## PROPOSED ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REDISTRIBUTION – PATERSON

On behalf of Council, I wish to comment on the proposed electoral boundary redistribution for the division of Paterson. We understand that adjustments were necessary because of population changes and appreciate the difficulty of delivering coherent community outcomes across the board.

On the one hand we are delighted to have Dungog Shire retained in the electorate of Paterson because this association has served us well in the past and represents our community of interest. But on the other hand, we support the concerns of our neighbouring Council, Port Stephens, about the way their LGA would be dissected by the proposed changes.

One really has to question the merit of transferring electors from Beresfield, Tarro, Raymond Terrace and Williamtown to the division of Newcastle whilst retaining those on the northern side of the Hunter River in the East Maitland and Maitland areas in Paterson.

Removing Raymond Terrace from the electorate of Paterson, will effectively remove the central township within the division. Access to Raymond Terrace is currently convenient for all shires in Paterson, who have a closer association to Port Stephens and the services available in Raymond Terrace, than those in Newcastle.

This change would not serve the interests of the people of Port Stephens well with the areas around Nelson Bay cut off from Raymond Terrace, accentuating the social divide between these areas that the Council has worked hard to overcome. Nor would it help the people of Maitland.

In our view the cohesiveness of the division of Paterson would suffer as a result, and it would be more logical to change the arrangements for Beresfield, Tarro, and the areas around Maitland and East Maitland to balance numbers between Newcastle Hunter and Paterson. Of course, Dungog Shire should remain in the division of Paterson.

Yours faithfully,

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MAYOR

