



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



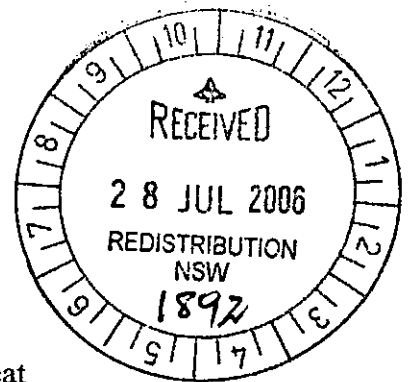
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The Chairman
Re-Distribution Committee for NSW
P.O. Box 20014
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Proposed Boundary Changes to the Federal Seat
Of Macquarie

I wish to submit a protest regarding the proposed boundary changes to the Federal Seat of Macquarie.

These proposed changes do not appear to relate to the Statutory requirements as set out in Section 66 (3), especially the requirements about community interests. The people of the Blue Mountains have a lot more in common with the people of the Hawkesbury area than the central west.

For example, both are outer metropolitan areas and rely on Sydney based services, with most people travelling to the city and Western Suburbs to work. Both are World Heritage listed and rely heavily on tourism to generate local jobs. Bathurst is very different, being predominantly an agricultural area.

The people currently in Macquarie look towards Penrith, Parramatta and Sydney for employment, entertainment, sports events, shopping etc. I cannot imagine too many travelling to the Bathurst/ Lithgow area to do any of these things. The inter-urban train service ends at Lithgow, which makes travel to that area very unattractive for most Mountain residents.

The Mountains /Hawkesbury area share a coastal river system. Our water supplies come from Warragamba, Lithgow/Bathurst are serviced by the Fish River.

I believe that economically, socially and culturally we have very little, if anything, in common with the Lithgow /Bathurst area and everything in common with the current distribution of Macquarie.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diane F. Marris".

Diane F. Marris (Mrs.)