



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Redistribution Committee for New South Wales
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Dear Sir,

The Bywong Community Association objects to the revised electoral boundaries proposed for the Federal Seat of Eden Monaro. The proposed redistribution would result in the localities of Bywong and Wamboin (and some parts of the village of Bungendore) being included in the electorate of Hume. These localities have no community of interest with the electorate of Hume: their community of interest lies with Eden Monaro.

The following points are relevant to this community of interest :

- Bywong is a locality within Palerang Shire, which is one of the Local Government Areas in Eden Monaro. If the proposed revision were to proceed, Palerang Shire would be split between two Federal Electorates and it will be harder for its Councillors to represent the Shire effectively to the Federal Government.
- Geographically, all of Bywong residents' amenities are in Eden Monaro – including shops; swimming pools; libraries; halls; financial services; medical services; educational institutions; children, youth and aged services; and social services. None of these services will be accessed by Bywong residents in the electorate of Hume.
- The local Members of Parliament representing the electors in Bywong are currently easily accessible as their offices are in Queanbeyan, in Eden Monaro. If the proposed revision were to proceed, Bywong residents would need to travel to Goulburn to meet their Federal MP. Nor will it be easy for the Federal Member for Hume to attend our community functions, as it is now the case for the Member for Eden Monaro. In addition, Bywong is currently within the State Seat of Monaro, with obvious affinities to Eden Monaro, and not to Hume.
- Bywong's local media coverage focuses on Eden Monaro. There is little or no local media coverage of Hume.

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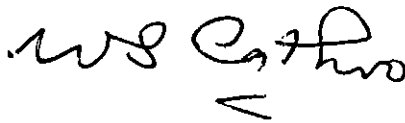
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The Bywong Community Association would like to make the following additional points with respect to your consideration :

- A sensible boundary for this part of Eden Monaro would be the Federal Highway, which also forms the western boundary of Palerang Shire
- There is a community of interest between the electors of Hume and those in the adjoining electorate of Farrer. The Bywong Community Association asks the Committee to examine the possibility of moving some parts of Farrer into Hume, rather than moving parts of Farrer into Eden Monaro and parts of Eden Monaro into Hume. The Bywong Community Association believes that this would provide a more acceptable outcome in terms of community of interest while also dealing with the problem of average electoral enrolment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warwick Cathro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small mark below the name.

Warwick Cathro
President
Bywong Community Association