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NEW SOUTH WALES

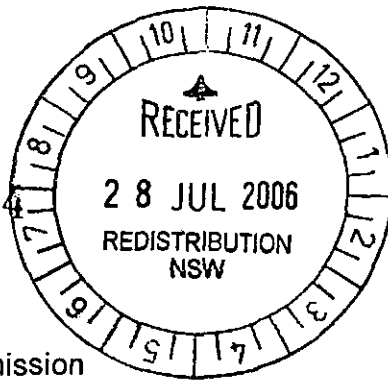


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**Re Proposed Electorate Changes to the
Boundaries of the Mackellar and Warringah Electorates**

Dear Sir / Madam

I wish to object to the proposed changes to the western boundary of the Warringah Electorate, which would result from proposed changes to the Mackellar Electorate.

An article in the local paper "The Manly Daily" (July 5) states that to accommodate a southern shift in the boundary of the Mackellar Electorate, the western boundary of Warringah would move further west, across Middle Harbour, to include parts of Bradfield. This would mean that residents of East Killara, Roseville Chase and Castle Cove would fall within the proposed boundaries of Warringah.

To extend the span of the Warringah Electorate to the west of Middle Harbour would mean crossing a major geographical dividing line, which also affects communities. Suburbs on either side of Middle Harbour lie within different Council areas. Where possible, electorates should respect natural divisions and boundaries, so as to create greater unity rather than fragmentation.

The proposed change to the western boundary of the Warringah Electorate does not respect Middle Harbour as a natural dividing line. In addition, the name 'Warringah' is more relevant to suburbs on the east of Middle Harbour, which lie within the Warringah Council area. To extend the western boundary to encompass suburbs separated from the Warringah Council area, is likely to result in confusion.

I believe there are physical and social advantages for retaining Middle Harbour as the western boundary for the Warringah Electorate.

Yours sincerely

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