



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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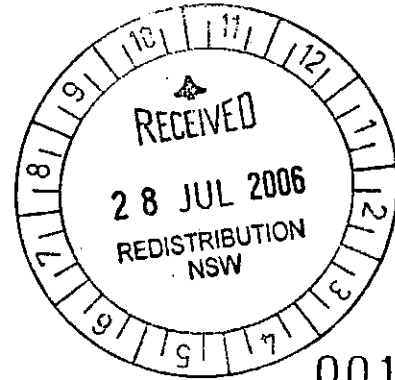
Sir,

Attached are my objections to the proposed changes, primarily as they affect existing and proposed Greenway, Parramatta, Reid and Bennelong and having regard to the Statutory Requirements of Sections 66(3) and (3A) of the Electoral Act.

Thanks,  
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**Proposed Electoral Redistribution. PARRAMATTA, REID, GREENWAY, MITCHELL,  
CHIFLEY,**

**BENNELONG AND LOWE..**

Dear Sir,

I am a registered voter in the current Electorate of PARRAMATTA and I wish to lodge my objection to the proposed redistribution of PARRAMATTA which primarily displaces Parramatta CBD from the Federal seat of Parramatta.

It not only sounds ridiculous but looks even more ludicrous in the written phrase above.

In writing this objection I am mindful of Section 66(3) (b)(v) relating to boundaries of existing Divisions and as indicated in (3A) that this is subordinate to other matters.

The new seat of Parramatta loses Rosehill, Rydalmere, Harris Park and Parramatta to Reid.

The northern boundary of Reid will be Silverwater Rd, Kissing point Rd, Victoria Rd , Parramatta Park and the main western railway line.

(The main western line actually runs through the southern boundary of Parramatta Park , so its not clear which is then meant to be the "northern boundary of proposed Reid- see comments below.)

**Comments.**

It is not clear from the descriptor for **PARRAMATTA**, where its exact boundaries are, unless I go to the trouble of trying to download a mass of information, most of which I would not be interested in.

- Silverwater Rd runs North –south so that it is difficult to see how that could be a "northern boundary for Reid

Based on the **descriptor for REID** noted above, it seems that it would be a simple matter to:-

**Substitute**

- (a) James Ruse Drive for Silverwater Rd,**
- (b) Victoria Rd( east of James Ruse Drive) for Kissing Point Road ,**
- (c) Western Motorway (which links with James Ruse Drive), for Victoria Rd, thus forming the Northern boundary**

And **leave Burnett and Kenyon's Rds** as proposed as the western boundary for REID,

- You achieve a much more appropriate and balanced distribution leaving the suburbs of Rosehill (whole or part), Harris Park, Parramatta and Mays Hill in Parramatta.

It would still seem to allow transfer of the 5,500 ex Rydalmere to either Bennelong or Reid.

**ALTERNATIVELY:**

**Parramatta Rd** (from James Ruse Drive), Church St , **Great Western Highway to Burnett St** would form a logical northern boundary to Reid, **with the segments north of that staying in Parramatta.**

- A slight variation would be to examine the detail of the location of the **Western Rail line** from **Clyde Railway Station to Hawkesbury Rd Westmead** would ,or could form a logical northern /southern boundary to between Reid and Parramatta.

The last time I looked, Parramatta Park had no resident people population, so to exclude it from a revisited Parramatta would seem most illogical on the grounds of (3(b) (i) (ii) and (iv) relating to community of interests, means of communication and physical features.

- With the exclusion of Transfer of the 15,085 from Parramatta to the proposed Division of Reid, the shift of all or part of the 23,293 ex existing Greenway , from Blacktown © south east (part) would not be necessary, and may even retain some semblance of balance instead of break-up of Blacktown as an entity with community of interests etc.
- Since existing Chifley and Prospect need to gain from overflowing Greenway and Mitchell, it would not seem too difficult to rearrange the numbers as as suggested above.

I have only worked on the figures published for the proposed redistribution. With all the sophisticated tools available to marry population numbers, it seems to me that the variations possible with logical readjustment of boundaries may have been very much of secondary interest.

**Conclusion.** My prime objection is to the illogical changes proposed to existing Reid and Parramatta, which as indicated above can still be varied just by re consideration of the broad definitions you have proposed in the descriptor given for Reid which makes no sense at all.

Yours faithfully,

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My main concern and objection is that the seat of Parramatta, has been deliberately pushed west into Greenaway, and

Reid , Ferguson's seat, has been amended to take in the Parramatta CBD and Parramatta Park.

The last time I looked, the main western rail line must be in a different location to what the electoral Commissioners thought.

I will be pushing to use the railway line as the northern boundary of Reid, (primarily because I didn't see too many electors living in the Park who needed to be transferred.

5,500 bods in the Housing Commission units at Ermington are being transferred to Bennelong to boost it to achieve statistical tolerance. You can imagine how much they would have in common with honest John.

Grenaway had excess and needed to lose some. Parts of Blacktown north and south east have been transferred to Chifley and Parramatta so Parramatta stops short of the Blacktown CBD.

All of this is supposed to be free of political bias but shifting Parramatta so that it does not include Parramatta, into Louise Markus's area which she took from 25yrs of Labour, means that with the boundaries not being resolved until May, the sitting Parra member cannot access her 23,000 new electors until after that date.

I've been trying to get my head around valid reasons to advance against the proposed changes which will fit into the appropriate guidelines other than emotional, bloody stupid, unfair etc, and am still working on it. To have any chance of being heard the reasons need to use the guidelines and Statutory requirements for the making of a proposed subdivision. The last thing they would be swayed by is the boundaries of existing Divisions and I will be concentrating on Item 3(b) (ii) means of communication but am finding it difficult.

**My principal argument is going to centre around using the western railway line as the logical boundary between Reid and Parramatta which would get most of the CBD into the seat of Parramatta and not Reid .**

**Victoria Rd south into Reid makes no sense.**