



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES

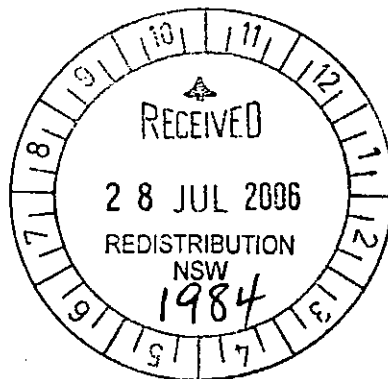


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Redistribution Committee for N.S.W
P O Box 20014
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Dear Sir,

I would like to register an objection to the electoral boundary changes proposed for the Division of Calare in the N.S.W. Federal Electoral Redistribution 2006.

I understand that N.S.W. must lose one federal electorate to Queensland due to population trends.

My specific objection is to the removal of Bathurst from Calare electorate for inclusion in the Macquarie electorate, centred on the Blue Mountains.

This proposal contravenes the community of interest principle. I have a double major in geography from UNE -- a course of study which included a unit of study of regions and the principles of regionalism. The proposed electorate change contradicts all I learned about regions and communities of interest.

A case could be made to include Lithgow in Macquarie on the following grounds

- It is not predominantly rural in character
- It is the terminus of the electric rail line which means that many of its citizens commute to Sydney for employment
- It is part of the Greater Western Sydney Area Health region
- It is physically more closely allied to the east than the west.

However, none of these things apply to Bathurst. This city has much more in common with the west

* Educationally—the main campus of CSU is in Bathurst and another in Orange, as well as the sporting and cultural links between the Independent schools in both cities

*The physical landscape—landform, plant communities, climate—has much more in common with the west than the east. Even the rivers in this area flow west, while those around Lithgow flow east.

*The area is predominantly rural in character rather than the mining and industrial interests of the east.

*General sporting, cultural and economic links are much stronger with the west than the east.

- The proposed change would split the Bathurst Regional Council L.G.A.

I strongly urge the Committee to withdraw its decision to remove Bathurst from the seat of Calare and include it in Macquarie.

Yours sincerely,

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