



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



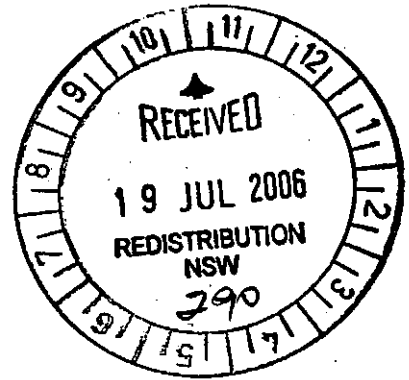
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10 Arana Place
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Redistribution Committee for New South Wales
Australian Electoral Commission
PO Box 20014
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Dear Sirs,

I wish to make an objection to the proposal to change the electoral boundaries of the existing division of Parkes.

I note that your proposal recognises 'the significant role of Sir Henry Parkes (1815-1896), former Premier of New South Wales and known as 'the father of federation' in Australia's history' and that the 'committee retained the name of Parkes for this division'.

I believe that it is inappropriate that the new boundaries of the new Parkes division exclude the Shire of Parkes and the town of Parkes.

I would like to remind you that the goldmining township of Bushmans was renamed Parkes on 1 December 1873, following a visit by Henry Parkes in August 1873. During this visit he was popularly received by locals and was petitioned to honour the town by allowing it to use his name.

I believe it is very appropriate to retain the name Parkes for the division in recognition of the role of Sir Henry Parkes in the federation of Australia, but inappropriate to exclude the town (and the local government area) named in his honour at the time he was still alive.

I therefore request that, in whatever boundaries are drawn for the division of Parkes, that the town and local government area of Parkes are also included, retaining the link between Sir Henry Parkes, the town of Parkes, and the federation of Australia.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Malcolm Stacey".

Malcolm Stacey