



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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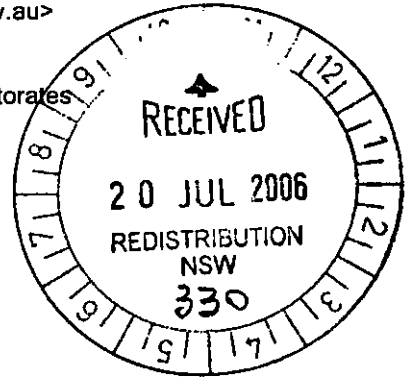
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The Redistribution Committee for NSW

We wish to raise our objection to the proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries in particular the decimation of the current seat of Macquarie. We understand that the main thrust of the proposal is to "even out" the number of electors in each electorate and in doing so the number of seats will be reduced from 50 to 49, all under the pretext of equal representation. The proposal seems to be a very clinical approach, a tick the box exercise, without considering individual communities along with their lifestyles and issues. As for equal representation I fail see how an elector in the proposed huge seat of Parkes can expect ready access to their elected representative and as a consequence unequal representation compared with electors in a smaller, area wise, metropolitan seat. Back to Macquarie. The proposal calls for the LGA of Hawkesbury to be merged with Greenway, and the Blue Mountains community from Blaxland up to Bell to be pushed over the mountains and merge with communities from Bathurst, Lithgow and Oberon. Some people think of the Hawkesbury Region as an extension of Sydney. Totally wrong, we are out of Sydney and enjoy a rural lifestyle, quite distinct to the good folk from Greenway whom we are sure enjoy their urban lifestyle. There are pockets of close living in the townships of the Hawkesbury but overall it is rural living; orchards, turf farms, market gardens and dairies - agriculture prevails. We share this rural lifestyle with the community from the Blue Mountains. We in the Hawkesbury are very proud of our historical association with "Macquarie". It seems inconceivable and might we say unacceptable, that if this proposal goes ahead, none of the five Macquarie Towns; Windsor, Richmond, Pitt Town, Wilberforce & Castlereagh, would be within the seat of Macquarie. When we look at the present seat of Macquarie it is manageable in size and it is manageable from a community interest point of view. We have a very active and community minded "local" elected representative. Do not try to fix something that is not broken!

Yours Sincerely  
 Leon & Gloria Walker