



**The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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Attention: Redistribution Secretariat

Dear Sir or Madam:

**Subject: 2006 Proposed Redistribution of New South Wales into Electoral Divisions**

I wish to voice my objection to the proposed inclusion of Bathurst in the Blue Mountains seat of Macquarie on the following grounds;

- I do not believe that it would be in the best interests of the community of Bathurst to be moved into a different electorate.
- Essential links between Bathurst and Orange will be broken.(eg. Tourism, transport etc)
- This rift will cause a conflict of interest in the tourism industry as Bathurst will be lumped in with the rest of the Blue Mountains and not the Central West.
- Bathurst is well and truly on the other side of the mountains and as such has very little in common with places like Katoomba, Leura or Springwood with which it would be forced to be linked.
- Katoomba etc are treated as city regions whereas Bathurst is most definitely a country region. Therefore, I find it inconceivable that moving Bathurst to the mountains would be to anyone's benefit.
- It is a democratic right to have effective representation and this will not be achieved by allowing Bathurst to be swallowed up by the Macquarie electorate.

Thanking you for taking my objections into account,

Respectfully,

S. Lowe

Ms Sharon Lowe

