



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Subject Objection to the Proposed Redistribution of the Federal
Electorate of Parramatta

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The Redistribution Committee

We strongly object to the redistribution of Parramatta in the current form on the grounds that it has no clear rationale, it bisects the Parramatta Central Business District, Parramatta Park, and possibly the Parramatta Stadium and Old Government House also, it divides the community of Parramatta, ignores many historical sites, ignores many natural features, it does not have community support and this initial proposal was put forward without appropriate consultation.

Other grounds include:

- 1) The people of Parramatta have great attachment to the name - for example, ask any Parramatta Rugby League team supporter what they think of the Eels having half their "home" ground outside the Parramatta electorate!;
- 2) The area near Parramatta has many non-English speaking people who would be in Reid and have difficulty adjusting to the new arrangements, such as voting on polling day;
- 3) There are important business inter-relationships that need to be maintained by having all of the Parramatta CBD in the Parramatta electorate;
- 4) There is great historical significance in the colonial heritage of Parramatta that has been ignored;

Yours sincerely,
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