



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



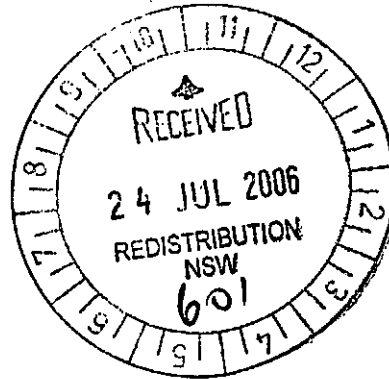
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20 July 2006

Redistribution Committee for NSW
PO Box 200014
WORLD SQUARE NSW 2002.



Dear Sir

Bathurst Regional Council, at Council's meeting 19 July 2006, requested the lodging of an objection to the electoral boundary changes proposed for the Division of Calare in the NSW Federal Electoral Redistribution 2006.

Any alteration should follow the lines of the local government area. From a cursory examination of the proposal, Bathurst Regional Council is the only country local government area that has been split between two Federal electorates, i.e. Calare and Macquarie.

This is possibly an inadvertent mistake, due to the recent amalgamation of Bathurst City Council and Evans Shire Council. It appears that the Electoral Boundary line has split the Bathurst Regional Council Local Government Area along the lines of the original Bathurst City Council area. Please consider incorporating the whole of the Bathurst Regional Council area, including the northern area which has been left in Calare, into one division.

All residents in the excised northern section of Bathurst Regional Council would be in the position where their community of interest, which is overwhelmingly Bathurst, would be ignored. All children in this area attend school in Bathurst or Eglinton (a village adjacent to Bathurst). Adults conduct business, shop and belong to community or sporting groups in Bathurst or surrounding area.

Council wishes to ensure viable representation is put in place that recognizes the needs of the Central West, both rural and urban.

I hope this submission receives favourable consideration so that our Local Government area can work together, without division.

Yours faithfully

Norm Mann
MAYOR OF BATHURST