



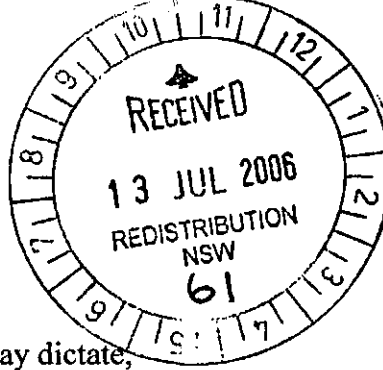
**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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Dear Sirs or Mesdames, as the case may dictate,

Re. The proposed distribution of Federal
Electoral boundaries in New South Wales.

This letter is written to the Committee of New South Wales.

I raise the question of Section 59 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, with all its' amendments, if any, and the account of community interests, communication and transport links, especially natural features and of current boundaries.

It seems to me the Committee has failed to take into consideration, in the light of present circumstances and those projected conditions that are occurring on an all too regular of environmental change, not just natural but with the economy and trade, changes not only nationally but on the world front.

Community interest – this is rather a large area because it affects many avenues that are experienced by minority groups who have a large impact on Australia. This is not just New South Wales as a whole, and these issues are not just tied to numbers of people who are compacted by location in cities and large towns situated in coastal regions of New South Wales. Those minority groups are situated inland, in the country and cover areas which are immensely diversified in what they can contribute to the economy and wellbeing of those in our overpopulated areas such as Sydney and her surrounding suburbs. It is there that property is at a premium and employment is being whittled away because the areas cannot and do not provide the services which are paid for by those country areas which are deprived of fair and reasonable representation.

Areas that come to mind are those of the proposed Parkes, Farrer, Riverina, Calare, New England and Hunter. I would estimate that these proposed areas cover the greater part of New South Wales.

The diversity of industry is huge, yet these struggle, not because of viability, but through lack of representation.

The electoral boundaries governed by numerical population are out of balance and like the Commonwealth Electoral Act of 1918, out of date. Australia has not been a Commonwealth for years, its' name, like that of the Commonwealth Bank has been eliminated for some time and 1918 has almost heritage value.

The matter of communication has undergone dramatic change, as have those who have been voted in to communicate the matters, which arise today. Historically we were formed as a colony, at the time when the rest of the world was undergoing industrial reform, and by a country that had vested interests throughout the world. A little over one hundred years ago we had a kind of self-governorship until the Whitlam Government appointed Sir John Kerr about 34 years ago.

The changes have been swift, immense and hard for any country to keep pace with. We won two world wars and lost two world peaces and countless other skirmishes, only to find that we now not only trade with them, but their economic growth outstrips ours, and our industry declines. Our steel works are gone, as well as

our car industry. Oh yes, we get the crumbs from the table, until those who give them have difficulties of their own, then these crumbs are gone. Fruit trees pulled out, and imports from our allies, U.S.A and New Zealand.

The level playing fields these countries have are so bumpy that it is most difficult for us to compete because of their subsidies. Even the machinery, cars, trucks, etc. are squashed and are sent back to where they were exported from, only to be changed into new exports. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, we mine our iron ore, copper, yellow cake, gold, diamonds to send over to them.

Our fishing fleets are declining, but we are saved by new methods of advertising, stating where the products come from. Places such as U.S.A. invade our trade, and then we call them allies.

These are called natural features, current boundaries, and those who are greatly disadvantaged by areas of representation find it impossible to come to grips because of the immature political back-biting.

Today's headlines in the Sun Herald, dated July 9th, are "Labour's secret plot to attack Costello". If I made that announcement, I would be charged with discrimination or defamation of character, and transported, but that's another story. Transport, there is none. Our petrol prices hit the roof but we have the big announcement of gas being exported to China, and the billions of dollars will come to us. I would consider that we must have exported in ore, meat, gas, coal, the amount that would be the equivalent of the size of Tasmania, give or take a tonne.

There is much more I could say, but I am only a backwoods county boy, with no degrees or economic expertise. Even this letter will show me to be illiterate, and my expectations of this ever being taken seriously are most doubtful. Areas are not the number of people. It is what we produce, and this is very little except for the wine industry, and let's face it, we all seem to be drunk on something – even this Commonwealth Commission Electoral Act of 1918.

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Signed – Derrick Paxton, J.P. Dip. Soc (Syd)