



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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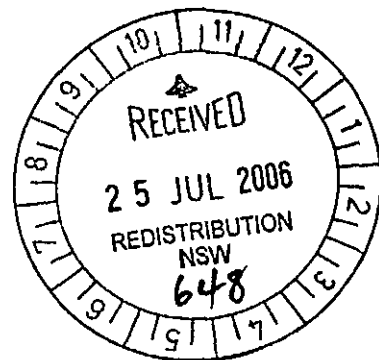
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The Australian Electoral Office
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Dear Sir

Re: Change of Boundaries – Macquarie Electorate

I wish to lodge an object to the proposed boundaries of the Macquarie Electorate as set out in the Blue Mountains Gazette on 5th July 2006. It does not seem to me that much logic or commonsense has been used in the proposal.

The Hawkesbury area has long been regarded as a twin of the Blue Mountains. Both are partially contained in the Blue Mountains National Park, both have similar residents with many travelling east each weekday to work in the City and both have a variety of similar living-style people as inhabitants. Added to this, the western side of the mountains has a natural geographic feature that has indicated the edge of the electorate. I have often spent a day at Mount Tomah, Mt Wilson etc., but never travel west along the Great Western Highway for a day out.

I have lived in the Blue Mountains for over fifteen years and during that time have visited Bathurst only once. It is like a foreign country to me. Whereas I often travel to Richmond and Windsor for shopping, rather than go to busy Penrith with its lack of parking facilities.

By contrast, the land further to the west is for the large part open farmland with just Bathurst and a couple of towns spotted around – not outer Sydney suburbia. Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury people are similar in lifestyle and farmers seem a different breed.

I trust the boundaries as proposed will be reconsidered and more realistic decisions made.

Yours faithfully

(Mrs) E J Smith