



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Subject objection to redistribution calare

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To whom it may concern

I would like to say that I strongly object to the redistribution proposal whereby my husband and myself as residents of Portland would be forced to become part of the Blue Mountains area of Macquarie. I feel that we have nothing in common with the Blue Mountains which I believe to have close links to the Penrith area. We have ties with Bathurst and Orange which have more in common with our rural area than the Mountains. Some of the ties are sporting, cultural, academic, historical and personal. I travel to Bathurst each week for shopping and have attended many short courses at Charles Sturt University. I have been part of the Lithgow/Bathurst/Orange community since my childhood when all our television programmes & news were broadcast from Orange and served to reinforce our close ties, but I will never feel part of the Blue Mountains community. I also believe that I will be unfairly disadvantaged when it is time to vote at the next election. My chosen representative is Peter Andren and I think that the redistribution has been politically manipulated so that I will not be able to vote for him. I have no idea who might represent Macquarie and no wish to be forced to vote for someone who would be based 'up the mountains' as we say here. They would not be accessible to me as I choose not to travel the mountains roads very often as they are worse now than when I was young, with their ever changing speed limits and ever increasing traffic. Once again I would like to reinforce my objection to the proposed redistribution of Calare.

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