



**The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES**

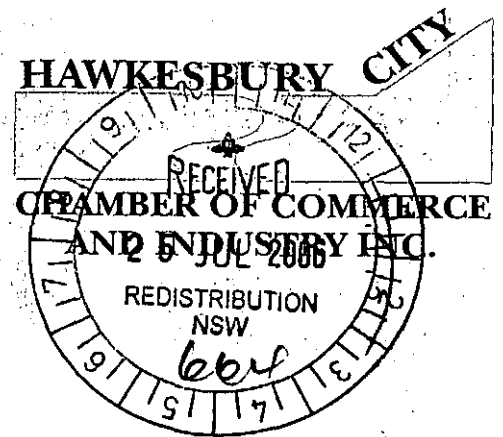


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**Public Objection Number: 664**

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July 18, 2006

The Secretary  
Redistribution Committee for NSW  
PO Box 20014  
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Dear Sir

**Re: Redistribution of Federal Electoral Seat of Macquarie**

We are writing to object to the proposed boundary changes the Federal electoral seat of Macquarie. We are doing this on two grounds. These are:

1. That the boundaries for the existing seat of Macquarie should not be significantly changed
2. That the new seat now created and called Greenway should retain the name Macquarie.

For in excess of 25 years the existing seat, which has been called Macquarie, has drawn its name from the main towns within its boundaries, which are the five Macquarie towns. To change the name of the seat to Greenway, which there is a reference to the architect who designed a few buildings in the Macquarie towns does not have the same historical connection as the use of the name Macquarie. In fact the name Macquarie is synonymous with the area being reflected in the names of many businesses operating in the area. The area is well known to tourists by the name Macquarie.

To change this well established name impacts not only on the business community but also on the \$100 million dollar plus generated by the tourism industry. This historical connection plays a major role in the generation of tourist visits to see the Macquarie towns. The local state seat of Hawkesbury also draws its name from the immediate area and as such the tow names provide visitors and the community a relationship connection. The loss of the name and the replacement with an unrelated name provides a lack of connection with the community to its history and indeed its geographic location.

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We would strongly suggest that the naming of the electorate be Macquarie and the adjoining electorate which takes in much of the old Greenway electorate be called Greenway which is more related to the Parramatta and eastern end of that electorate.

On the subject of the boundaries we would also oppose the changes. Communities are groups of people, which are held together by common interests and behaviours.

The common interests of the current Macquarie electorate lay with the Macquarie Towns and the adjoining LGA of Blue Mountains. The Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains LGA's share many activities and have common interests. Both areas are important tourist destinations being connected by the Grand Circular Tourist Drive.

In addition the areas also share in the in the Mount Tomah Gardens and the soon to be commenced World Heritage Interpretive Centres being located on the Bells-Line of Road at Mt Tomah and the Visitor Information Centre in Windsor (Clarendon). The changes to the boundaries excise these centres form the same electorate and thus cause dislocation of tourism activities.

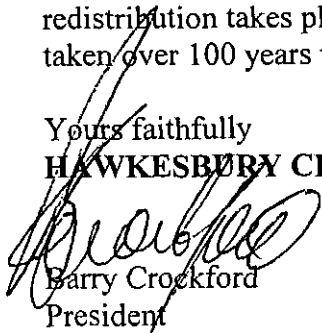
The Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains are not urban centres. They are natural bush land and farm communities. Open space non-dormitory local government areas. They have differing needs at government to urban dormitory suburbs to which part of the electorate is being relocated. This means that the representation that the Hawkesbury will receive will not be in keeping with its needs as they vary greatly from that the Blacktown and city areas now part of the new boundaries

Under the boundaries proposed the Hawkesbury LGA will, we believe suffer with a loss of identity to the urban centres which would now significantly change the communities relationships with the Blue Mountains which have been developed both at a community and tourism level for a significant period of time. The history of the Macquarie towns and the Blue Mountains are linked and should not be divided as there is now historical, community, tourism or business linkages to the area which the Hawkesbury is proposed to be part of in a federal seat.

We hope that you give serious consideration to this objection as if the proposed redistribution takes place it will destroy a relationship within the community that has taken over 100 years to develop.

Yours faithfully

**HAWKESBURY CITY CHYAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY Inc**

  
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