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NEW SOUTH WALES



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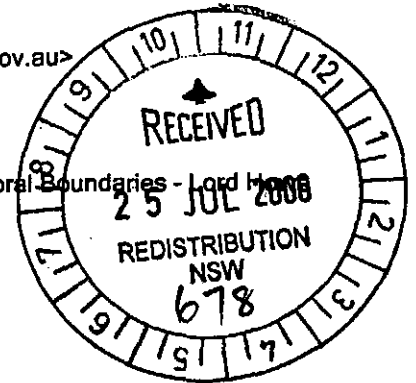
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Subject: Inclusion of Lord Howe Island in the Federal Seat of Lyne

I would like to make the following comments on the proposed changes to Federal Electoral boundaries to include Lord Howe Island in the Seat of Lyne. I fully support this move and wish to advise the following.

1. LOCATION

Port Macquarie is the closest major town to Lord Howe Island. It is often stated that Lord Howe Island is a suburb of Port Macquarie. We share the same S.T.D. (065) area code, and our Telstra phone system is managed by Port Macquarie

2. TOURISM

Lord Howe Island relies on the Tourist Industry for its survival. Oxley Travel, which is based in Port Macquarie, is the largest wholesaler of package holidays to Lord Howe Island. My family business, Leanda-Lei Apartments, has been established for fifty four years and represents 10% of the registered tourist accommodation on the Island. We have identified Port Macquarie and the surrounding districts as having the potential to supply the Island with a significant number of tourist in the future.

I have had a number of discussions with representatives from Qantas who have indicated that they are considering establishing a regular airline service from Port Macquarie. This will further establish Port Macquarie as being a significant centre for the residents of Lord Howe Island

3. SHIPPING

I am the Managing Director of Lord Howe Island Sea Freight Pty Ltd. Our Island based and owned shipping company has been servicing the Island for the past thirteen years. All supplies are presently shipped from Yamba N.S.W. A large number of businesses and residents purchase goods (particularly furniture and building supplies) from Port Macquarie and these are then road freighted to Yamba. The costs associated with road transport to Yamba area have increased to such an alarming level that the Director's of L.H.I. Seafreight have made formal representation to the Hastings Council to consider relocating the shipping service to depart from Port Macquarie. Hastings Council has approved a grant to establish a commercial wharf in Port Macquarie. We are presently in discussion with the Council and Birdon Marine on this matter. This relocation will bring significant benefits and cost savings to the residents of Lord Howe Island.

4. EDUCATION

Lord Howe Island Central School and the children of Lord Howe Island have long established links with Port Macquarie. Secondary students who attend boarding schools on the mainland do so in many areas, not just Sydney. Students study in Melbourne, Brisbane, Armidale - our children attended secondary school on the Gold Coast. The students who stay on the island to attend secondary school are attached to Camden Haven School of Distance Education, not a school in Sydney.

5. POLICE

Lord Howe Island is presently under the command of the Port Macquarie Police Station. Vehicle registration is controlled by the Taree Motor Registry. I can only assume this is for demographic reasons.

6. FINAL COMMENTS

Lord Howe Island is in the State Electorate of Port Macquarie. It makes common sense that our Federal Electorate should be in the same area.

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