



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Mr Ian Campbell
Electoral Commissioner
Redistribution Committee of New South Wales
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21 July 2006

Dear Mr Campbell

I am writing to advise that Wollondilly Shire Council at its Ordinary meeting held on Monday, 17 July 2006, resolved to make a submission to the Australian Electoral Commission on the federal boundary redistribution, in order to view a concern on behalf of the residents of Wollondilly Shire regarding the proposed redistribution.

Our viewing of the proposal gives us reason to believe that the Shire will be divided into four (4) electoral boundaries. Being Macarthur, Fowler, Hume and Cunningham, the proposed redistribution has been raised with Councillors by residents of the Shire and the following concerns expressed:

- Constituents of the various divisions will have to deal with four (4) representatives for matters that affect the whole of the Shire.
- The rural nature of the Shire may mean more populated areas within the divisions will over shadow the issues relevant to our small towns and villages.
- Issues to the Shire may lose importance when spread across the four (4) divisions.

Council would request the Redistribution Committee to take these views into account, when they are making their considerations. The Council is mindful of the statutory requirements of a making of a proposed redistribution and makes this submission giving regard to Section 66(3)(1) of the Electoral Act.

Yours faithfully

Councillor Phillip Costa
Mayor