



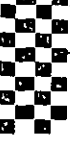
The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



Public Objection Number: 698

Name: Mr Roger FLETCHER

Page(s): 3



61 2 68846566

FLETCHER INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS PTY LTD

ABN 64 003 213 652

Lot 11 Yarrandale Road, Dubbo, NSW 2830
Locked Bag 10 DUBBO NSW 2830 AUSTRALIA



Telephone: +61 2 6884 5833
Main Office Fax: +61 2 6884 2965
Maintenance Fax: +61 2 6884 5998
Export Office Fax: +61 2 6884 6566
Wooltops Fax: +61 2 6885 1949

FACSIMILE MESSAGE

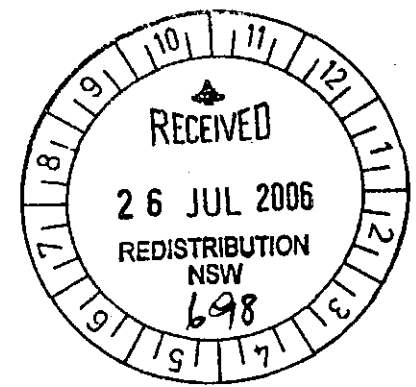
TO: Trust. Electoral Commission DATE: 24/7/06

ATTN: Mr. Campbell FROM: Jo

TOTAL NO. OF PAGES 4 + 2 (including header)

PLEASE CONTACT US IF ANY PAGE IS MISSING

original to follow, in the mail



61 2 68846566

FLETCHER INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS PTY LTD



ABN 64 003 213 652 ACN 003 213 652
Lot 11 Yarrandale Road, Dubbo, NSW 2830
Locked Bag 10 DUBBO NSW 2830 AUSTRALIA
Telephone: +61 2 6884 5833
Main Office Fax: +61 2 6884 2965
Export Office Fax: +61 2 6884 6566
Email: mailbox@fletcher-international.com.au

Australian Electoral Commission
PO Box 6172
Kingston ACT 2604

24 July 2006

Dear Mr Campbell,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my dismay and displeasure at the Australian Electoral Commission's proposal to redistribute the electoral boundaries of New South Wales. This would further inflate the seat of Parkes, which is already the state's largest electorate. In effect, such a move would mean that literally half the state of New South Wales is represented by 1 person, whilst the other half of the state is serviced by 48 Federal Members.

By indiscriminately creating such a sweeping electorate of vast geographical and social differences, the AEC's proposal effectively makes the electorate unserviceable and therefore silences the voice of rural people in Federal Parliament. The Western Region desperately needs greater federal representation.

Secondary industry in regional New South Wales will die without adequate federal representation. With the farming industry changing, red tape and regulation is hamstringing farmers, and we need federal representation to keep this under control. Meanwhile, the region will also struggle to maintain its infrastructure, especially its transport networks, which are central to the survival of primary producers and the affiliated businesses. With little or no rail infrastructure in some parts of the region, and the road system already struggling to cope with the demands of transporting the regions' cotton, livestock, grain, wool and mined minerals, how will the concerns of country people be adequately voiced by one person?

The unique ecology of the western region, with its complex climate conditions and fragile river systems, requires intimate knowledge as the region is often at the mercy of droughts and floods, which in turn affects the regions ability to enjoy the same standards as the rest of Australia.

Indigenous issues – other electorates do not have the capacity to understand the issues and problems that face these communities.

Water shortages, traffic congestion, pollution and rising community tensions; all substantiate former NSW Premier Bob Carr's claim that Sydney is already full, and that its resources are stretched to capacity. Thereby, constituting a sizably consistent drain on the State's resources and funding dollars.

61 2 68846566

Primary industry is the lifeblood of our region. As a major employer and producer in the wool and sheep meat industry in Australia, I feel I have a responsibility to look after the many people in the Western Region, and beyond, with regards to their livelihoods. I think it is vital we have access to MP's who have specific knowledge of our areas' industries, to assist us compete in the global economy. That is why I feel I have to write this letter.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposal to change the NSW electoral boundaries, and to consider merging some other electorates where the change will not result in having such diminished access to federal representation for the Western Region.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Regards,



Roger Fletcher
CEO, Fletcher International Exports Pty Ltd