



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Subject objection to the redistribution of Reid

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To whom it may concern,
 I wish to lodge an objection to the way the electorate of Reid has been redrawn to no longer include the suburb of Guildford West from the electorate.

While on one level it may seem that the Sydney water Pipe line forms a natural boundary to the electorate this does not form a real geographical boundary. The effective boundary to this area is the railway line. This effectively forces the residents of this area to utilise the public areas of Merrylands and Parramatta by providing a barrier to the area east of the railway line that is not easily traversed without there being additional travelling time. As such this makes it more practicable to use the areas west and north west. resulting in residents of this area centring their activities around Merrylands and Parramatta. Those who work outside of the are generally commute via the M4 and Cumberland highways if not by train again due to the railway line providing a barrier to going east.

Due to traffic conditions and the residents of Guildford West find the centres of Merrylands and Parramatta as the natural focus for shopping etc. Additionally Merrylands is where the council offices of Holroyd council are located and due to this these localities are the focus of any local activates the residents participate in.

The member that represents these suburbs should be one who has contact and involvement with these concerns. If it is to be the member of Blaxland then that member will only have a fringe awareness of the concerns the residents of these suburbs will have as the members focus is naturally focussed around the Canterbury area. While I am sure that the member of Blaxland would make an effort to remain aware of these concerns it is likely that some of these opinions of the residents of these varying areas would not be consistent due to the lack of interaction between these suburbs.

As such I submit that the most effective electoral boundary for Reid would be the train line running between Guildford and Yennora. As any resident in the area could tell you this is the barrier between the suburbs of Guildford West and the rest of the proposed seat of Blaxland not the pipeline. The impact on the numbers of enrolled voters in Reid would obviously be an increase however the projections for 2010 would still be under 100,000 voters with many other electorates above that level.

The area east of the railway line could either be part of Blaxland or part of Fowler.enrolled in this area the area directly east of the line could become part of the electorate of Fowler

regards

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