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NEW SOUTH WALES



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N.S.W. Redistribution Committee.
Australian Electoral Commission.
P.O. Box 20014.
WORLD SQUARE, NSW, 2002.

24/7/2006.

Dear Committee Members,

We write to lodge our objections to the proposed electoral boundary changes for the seat of Greenway.

Our group's view is that as this electorate is one of the most marginal seats in the country to alter it now would directly determine which political party would secure the seat at the next Federal Election bypassing the peoples democratic vote.

We consider in this case the proposal displayed by the Commission for public comment is directly one put forward by the Liberal Party and we can't help but wonder why any such proposal is being considered given the extreme marginal nature of the seat.

Quite a number of actions by the Liberal Party and the current sitting (and recently elected) member for Greenway have upset many people, such as the new Industrial Relations laws and the Hillsong funding scandal.

The people of Greenway have earned the right of reply to express how they feel about these actions. Should the proposed changes be permitted then that democratic process will have been removed. The Commission is there to uphold the democratic process not take that away from the people which would be the outcome in such a marginal seat as in Greenway.

The Group strongly urges you not to proceed with the proposed changes. Leave it to the people to decide rather than the Liberal Party putting forward boarder changes because they are worried they will loose the seat.

Any electoral boundary changes should only be made if they do not impact on voter distribution so that no single party would gain an advantage. Should you proceed with the boundary changes, please advise on what appeal mechanisms are available to us.

Our thanks in advance as we look forward to receiving your considered response.

Yours Sincerely,

DEBBIE ROBERTSON.
Convenor, Blacktown Greens.

