



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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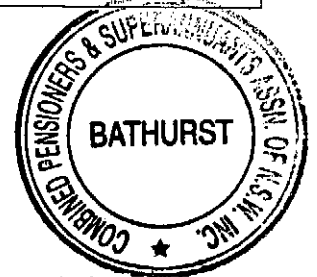
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Bathurst CPSA is a non-sectarian non-party political organisation caring for the welfare of its pensioner and self-funded retiree membership.

BATHURST CURRENT MEMEBERSHIP ALMOST 600

Redistribution Committee for NSW
Level 1, Roden Cutler House
24 Campbell Street
HAYMARKET NSW 2000

6th July 2006



Dear Sir,

At the monthly meeting of Bathurst Combined Pensioners & Superannuants Association (CPSA) held 6th July 2006 and attended by approximately 200 members, discussion took place regarding the changes that have been made to the electoral boundaries of Calare and the effects that will have on the city of Bathurst.

It was unanimously agreed that the removal of Bathurst from Calare to the electorate of Macquarie under the proposed federal electoral redistribution announced on 30 June 2006 is unacceptable to members for a number of very valid reasons, as listed below:

1. There is no shared community of interest between Bathurst and the Blue Mountains.
2. Of particular concern would be the splitting of Area Health Services, taking Bathurst from Greater Western Area Health Service which is in the process of being reorganised with a new hospital / health system being built based on the construction of new hospitals at Bathurst, Orange and Bloomfield in Calare electorate as it presently stands. This is a huge government financial investment in the Central Western region of NSW, with Bathurst part of this health nucleus.
3. Lithgow Hospital is part of the Nepean District health system and functions under that Area Health Service, which is separate from Greater Western Area Health Service.
4. Local government amalgamations have recently taken place within the present Calare electorate, based on local communities of interest. This has taken some years to achieve at considerable cost, but is expected to produce marked savings in the future.
5. Bathurst has a greater community of interest with the Mudgee / Gulgong area than the Blue Mountains which is really part of the Sydney outer metropolitan area.
6. There is a clear public transport separation between Cityrail and Countrylink services dividing Bathurst (Countrylink, Calare) from the Blue Mountains (Cityrail, Macquarie).
7. The abolition of a country seat (Gwydir) reduces rural representation in our federal parliament.

The Bathurst CPSA urges the Redistribution Committee to seriously reconsider its proposals and ensure the country remains properly represented. Those Sydney-centric political forces seeking the lessening of the country vote will have achieved their aim under the proposed boundaries.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ted Howard

President, Bathurst CPSA

