



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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## Wellington High School

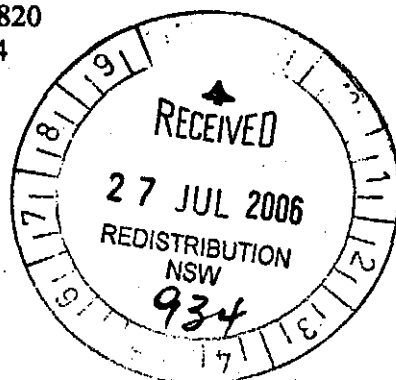
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries

As Principal of Wellington High School, I would like you to seriously re-consider the proposed changes in the representative electorate for New South Wales.

The changes would mean that the representative for Wellington New South Wales would be representing 47% of the State of New South Wales. Maintaining the current level of representation in country New South Wales and regional Australia in Federal Parliament is essential for the local people of all political viewpoints to be fairly represented.

A local member who would be representing 47% of New South Wales (380,000 square kilometres – an area larger than Japan and Germany and nearly twice the size of Victoria and five and a half times the size of Tasmania) could not possibly understand all the local community needs. The new seat would make it impossible for the member to be readily available for constituents. Thereby making it extremely hard for a Member to be at a senior level in the government, where they can really give a powerful voice to rural concerns and still look after the electorate.

Another major concern is that this area is currently covered by two members, but with the changes, will only have one member, thus reducing the “say” we have in regional New South Wales. If changes are necessary, a seat in metropolitan Sydney would be more appropriate with much less interruption and loss of representation for voters.

In closing, I would like to reiterate that the proposed changes would seriously affect regional constituents and further accentuate “the tyranny of distance” suffered in the country.

I await your reply.

Yours faithfully

Colin P Feather  
Principal

25<sup>th</sup> July 2006