



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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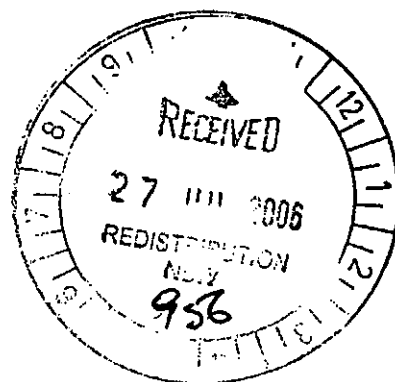
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Redistribution Committee for NSW
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Dear Committee

I write to you as Chairman of Port Stephens Tourism Ltd (PSTL) to endorse the feelings of its members regarding the proposed re-distribution of the Federal seat of Paterson.

We at PSTL believe that to remove Raymond Terrace and Williamtown/Fern Bay from the seat and relocate the boundaries towards Maitland would completely alienate the access of tourism members and their families from their base of tourism activities.

Raymond Terrace is the hub of Port Stephens where thousands of tourists pass through, stop off and divert towards the Tomaree and Tilligerry peninsulars. It is essential the seat of Paterson retains this hub.

The Port Stephens Local Government Area and its surrounding countryside offer tourists a unique opportunity to enjoy country and beach: so much so close. The Paterson electorate would be poorly serviced if Raymond Terrace and Tomaree and Tilligerry Peninsulas were aligned to a northern electorate with large distances between access to the local member for business and interaction between constituents.

Their appeals that Fern Bay and Raymond Terrace tourist operators would have to travel many kilometres to access and discuss tourism matters which forms a big part of the business activities of the Paterson electorate.



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The Honorable Member, Bob Baldwin MP, is the Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism and to have the electorate torn up and dislocated for no real reason would be disruptive and cause disincentive for operators to access the local member when the need arises.

Sir, please reconsider and reverse your decision to dislocate a very important part of daily life for regional New South Wales.

Yours sincerely,



Bob Westbury
Chairman