



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**

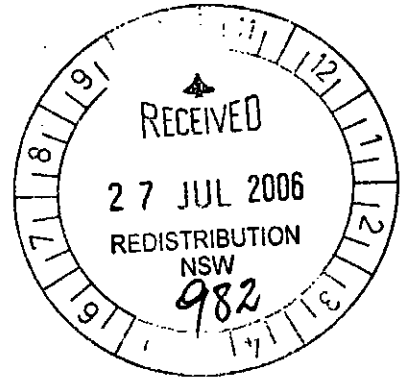


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Redistribution Committee for NSW
Level 1, Roden Cutler House
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Dear Sir

The General Meeting of the Wamboin Community Association on 18 July 2006 noted that your Committee has proposed the re-drawing of the boundaries of the Electorates of Hume and Eden-Monaro to incorporate Wamboin into the Electorate of Hume.

Concern was expressed over this proposal as:

1. the member for Eden-Monaro is based less than 20 kilometres from our community and this facilitates our access to him as our Federal representative; also only a local telephone call;
2. the Wamboin community has always identified itself with Eden-Monaro;
3. many of our members either work in Queanbeyan or travel through Queanbeyan daily, shop there and use the services of that city;
4. Bungendore is our other smaller service centre and that village remains in Eden-Monaro;
5. Goulburn, the base for Hume, is approximately 100 kilometres away and any telephone contact is by STD;
6. the member for Eden-Monaro transits this area regularly and is conversant with our local problems and, as our small community is right on the margin of Hume, we consider it unlikely that the member for Hume will be as aware of our local issues.

Our Association recognises the need for the AEC to obtain a population balance in electorates and in determining boundaries to achieve a degree of equity in our democracy. However, we consider that in recommending the allocation of Wamboin and a couple of small nearby communities to the Electorate of Hume, in lieu of Eden-Monaro, your Committee will in effect disenfranchise us.

In the interests of practical democracy, the Wamboin Community Association recommends that the Redistribution Committee for NSW review its proposal to include the Wamboin residents in the Electorate of Hume and redraw the boundary to include populations integral with Goulburn and the other centres in Hume.

Yours sincerely

John van der Straaten
Secretary

CC. The Hon Gary Nairn, MP.
Federal Member for Eden-Monaro