



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



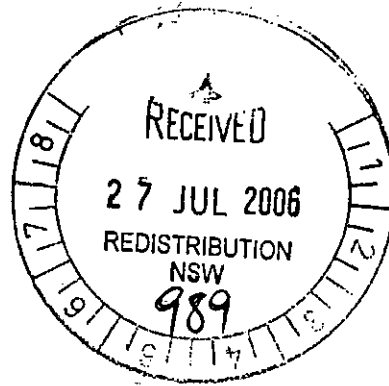
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The Redistribution Committee of NSW  
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Wentworth Falls  
NSW 2782  
26<sup>th</sup> July, 2006

Dear Sir

Re: Redistribution of Boundaries of Federal Electorate – Macquarie

As a voting member of the above electorate, I wish to comment on the proposed boundary changes and give reasons why I think it is inappropriate.

- Blue Mountains residents identify themselves more with areas to the east rather than those to the west. Those who still commute to work, tend to go to Sydney or Penrith.
- Similarly, for professional services, tradesmen, shopping, and entertainment, if needs are not met locally, residents go east to the centres provided in Penrith and Sydney areas.
- A majority of the retirees, who are now Blue Mountains residents, spent their working life in the Sydney metropolitan area and consequently they have strong links with it through their friends and family members, who continue to live there. While I have been a Blue Mountains resident for some time, I retired from a position in Sydney at the end of last year and am speaking both from personal experience and my knowledge of the situation of other residents.
- Our offices for State Government and other services such as electricity, gas, water, taxation and legal needs, again, if not provided locally, are generally situated to the east.
- Medical referrals from local GPs are given for specialists at Nepean or Westmead.
- From a tourism perspective, the Blue Mountains area is included in many international tourist itineraries, on a Sydney stopover, whereas areas west of the Great Divide tend more to serve the travel needs of internal holiday makers.
- Blue Mountains residents tend to use Sydney-based radio stations and TV channels for their news and entertainment, and items of interest to them are contained in those broadcasts.
- Any sitting member, of whatever political persuasion, would find it difficult to meet the disparate needs of such a broad area as your proposal creates.

The effective government of an electorate concerns those who live and work there and its effectiveness is enhanced when the residents can identify with each other and understand their needs and accept them, sometimes even ahead of their own. I hope that you can recognise where our affiliations lie and reconsider your decision concerning the redistribution of the electoral boundary for the seat of Macquarie.

Because of the importance of this matter, I am happy to be contacted about any of these points, if you wish to do so. My phone number is 4757 3022.

Yours sincerely

Alison Janette Emmerson