



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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PROCLAIMED A CITY 1907



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July 28, 2006

Australian Electoral Commission
State Head Office
24 Campbell Street
Haymarket NSW 2000

Dear Sir,

The Broken Hill City Council is extremely concerned with the proposed changes to Federal Electoral Boundaries that will affect this region.

Broken Hill is the heartland of outback NSW – the community of interest in the Far West – it is not an outpost of Albury Wodonga.

Broken Hill has forged an identity as an outback mining community and more recently as an outback tourist icon. Visitors and artists who visit Broken Hill and the surrounding communities rightfully view this as a unique region. By ripping out Broken Hill, the gateway to the accessible outback from the proposed new Electoral Boundary it will change forever the administrative dynamics of the Far West.

Local communities have worked long and hard to establish Broken Hill as the heart of outback NSW. All this work could be wasted if administratively we are now considered a part of South Eastern NSW, being Albury.

This Australian Electoral Commission proposal risks the good work done to advance this iconic region of NSW.

Issues of water in Broken Hill are totally different from Farrar. Farrar relies on the Snowy Hydro and Broken Hill pumps water from Menindee via the Darling, which will no longer be in the same electorate.

People in the Far West look at Broken Hill as their centre for business, shopping, RFDS services Far West, education and health and they wish to remain connected.

We ask that you reconsider your current proposed change.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Page', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

COUNCILLOR RON PAGE
MAYOR