



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



Comments on Public Objections – Comment No: 25

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RE-DISTRIBUTION- OBJECTION
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My name is Colin Morris and I live in Westmead. Next door to Westmead is Parramatta Park; one of Sydney's (and indeed Australia's) most historical sites which contains- among many- Old Government House.

I object strongly to the re-distribution of the Federal seat of Parramatta as is currently proposed. I object strongly on the following grounds:

a) It is not logical. The essence of Parramatta is the CBD area and Parramatta Park. Both will be missing from the "revised" Parramatta.

b) I have a strong local identity with the name Parramatta. My parents were married (In 1939) in St John's Church - Church St Parramatta. I have served as a CME part time soldier in the NSW Lancers again in the CBD area of Parramatta. I have family photos with grandmother and mother and myself during a shopping trip to Church Street Parramatta - taken in 1949. My family has lived in Westmead for many many years.

c) Parramatta is developing as a global city which involves many contacts at both State and Federal level. The name Parramatta; quite apart from its historical connections; provides a "synergy" between local/state and federal governments.

d) I especially protest at the lack of information. An important issue in a seat like Parramatta (Newcastle/Sydney and North Sydney are only comparable seats- are they changing?) A few newspaper ads; in this day and age is just not sufficient! A personally addressed letter with adequate maps should have been sent to each and every resident in Parramatta.

e) Obviously some changes at the edges of Parramatta have to be made because of population changes. BUT the redistribution SHOULD NOT delete the CBD/Westmead and Harris Park from the Federal seat of Parramatta.

f) IF changes have to be forced through on current plans then it would be a travesty to keep the name "Parramatta" and the seat should be renamed. What a pity if this happened.

I would appreciate your acceptance of this legitimate objection. I was ill informed by a friend that objections could be lodged up to the end of July (today) and apparently the close off was Friday. Thank you.

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