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NEW SOUTH WALES



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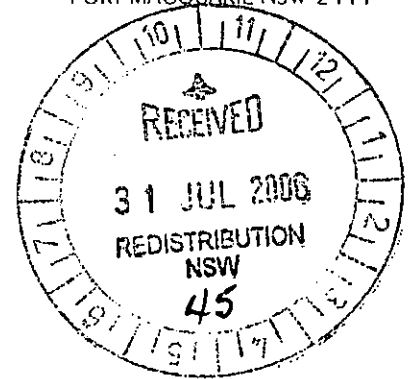
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27 July 2006

NSW Redistribution Committee
Australian Electoral Commission
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WORLD SQUARE NSW 2001



Dear Sir/Madam,

In my letter to you dated 5 April I wrote in support of the proposal put forward to include Lord Howe Island within the Federal Division of Lyne as part of the redistribution of New South Wales electorates that was taking place.

The Report of the Redistribution Committee received by my office indicates that this inclusion has not occurred.

Port Macquarie –Hastings Council strongly endorses the inclusion of Lord Howe Island within the Federal Division of Lyne. Communication with the Lord Howe Island Board also indicates that they are totally in favour of this inclusion occurring.

At present, Lord Howe Island is part of the State Electorate of Port Macquarie and there are many linkages between the Island and our community.

School students from Lord Howe Island study at a number of our schools, goods and services are provided to the Island from Port Macquarie via weekly private charter flights, ABC Radio Port Macquarie broadcasts to the Island, commercial flights are expected to begin shortly between Port Macquarie and Lord Howe Island, and the Lord Howe Island Trading Company has signalled its intention to the NSW Government that it will be moving its operation from the Port of Yamba to Port Macquarie.

I cannot stress strongly enough the benefits if Lord Howe Island were to be included in the Federal Division of Lyne under the same representation, further strengthening the economic and social links between our two communities.

Your favourable consideration of this proposal would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully

ROB DREW
Mayor