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NEW SOUTH WALES



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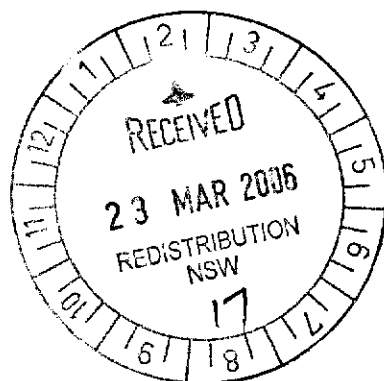
Dear Sir/Madam, please find attached a letter expressing my concerns concerning the Reid Electorate. Kind regards June M Bullivant OAM

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23 March 2006

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Redistribution Committee  
Australian Electoral Commission

### **Redistribution of Seats in NSW**

Dear Committee members,

I read with concern of the intention to redistribute seats naming Blaxland and Reid as the seats to be dispersed.

While I realise that this is necessary I feel that I have to mention my concerns with breaking up the seat of Reid. I have been connected with the Reid electorate for thirty eight years. My husband and I had a business in Granville for forty years and we still belong to four voluntary organisations in the area.

The area is a complicated mix of ethnic groups and always has been. Our work with the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Historical Society and the Granville Neighbourhood Centre is ongoing. During this time we have established a network of groups and people in the area that work with us on projects that benefit the community. While I understand that a boundary is a boundary and not a fence, it interferes with the thinking of individuals. We have established a bond with the ethnic groups in Auburn, we work with the service clubs and NESB groups to create harmony for the citizens and have been very successful in this area over a long period of time.

When doing some research I came across your guidelines and I would like to highlight a number of the guidelines from your website.

1. Naming after persons
2. Former Prime Minister Names.

### 3. Federation Divisional names

The Reid Electorate is named after Sir George Houstoun Reid born in 1845 in Johnstone, Renfrewshire, Scotland, he died in 1918. Sir George served as NSW Premier 1894-1899 and Prime Minister in 1904-1905. He was the only the only Australian to sit in the Colonial Committee and Westminster Parliaments. He was Australia's fourth Prime minister. He was also the founder of the Constitution. The Reid Electorate was established in 1922.

The Reid Electorate has also a number of high profile people as the member for Reid such as Tom Uren, Jack Lang, Charles Albert Morgan, Joseph Herbert Gander, Percy Edmund Coleman. The current member Mr Laurie Ferguson is a hard working member and is respected by all sides of the community, even opposition voters. He is appreciated for his immigration knowledge of which the area has a big percentage of immigrants, the business community and the volunteer groups in the area.

I intend to research a history of the Reid area and lodge it with you by the date due for next round of suggestions.

Blaxland is a new electorate established in 1949, and follows none of the Guidelines mentioned on your site, other than carrying the name of the explorer. The three members are Eli James Harrison, Paul John Keating and Michael John Hatton. Blaxland statistics are similar to Reid, so in my opinion the Reid electorate should be retained as it is and distribute Blaxland to neighbouring electorates. The inclusion of Villawood, Chester Hill and Sefton could be added to the Reid Electorate without many difficulties. This area contains the Detention centre so it would be in keeping with the high immigration area of Reid.

Yours sincerely

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President of the Granville Chamber of Commerce  
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