



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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To the members of the Redistribution Committee
Australian Electoral Commission
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Dear Sir/ Madam

As the leading body representing Aged pensioners, Superannuants and Invalid pensioners in the Greenacre area we would like to make a formal submission to the Federal Redistribution Committee highlighting some of the many needs that the elderly have in the area of Bankstown.

The elderly population in the surrounding suburbs such as Greenacre are heavily reliant on Bankstown for many of its services and necessities, particularly transport, medical and departmental services such as Centrelink.

A strong community connection exists between Bankstown and Greenacre. This connection stems from being within the boundary of Bankstown Council, under the State seat of Bankstown and federally within the boundary of Blaxland.

The residents in the Greenacre / Mount Lewis and the north side of Punchbowl precincts strongly identify with the residents of Bankstown, Yagoona, Birrong and Chester Hill.

We trust that the Commission does not intend as suggested in the media to reduce the number of seats in an area which is undoubtedly growing. The population here is constantly growing, however many of the newer arrivals in Blaxland are not enrolled or even citizens. This anomaly may explain the reduced figures in Blaxland and Reid.

We believe that a reduction in representation in Bankstown and the surrounding areas will hinder the general prosperity of the area. Carving the Federal electorate boundaries will create confusion, disharmony and will displace long term community cohesion and allegiances.

We therefore strongly advocate that the Federal Electorates of Watson, Banks, Blaxland and Reid and their boundaries, are not removed or significantly affected by a redistribution.

Yours Faithfully

Mr Stan Quirke
President
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