

# OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009  
NSW



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Objection Number **28**

by

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Inc

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24<sup>th</sup> August 2009

Australian Electoral Commission,  
PO Box K406,  
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Sydney,  
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Dear Sir,

**Electoral Commission Redistribution Proposal.**

As you are aware the Wingecarribee Local Government Area is contained entirely within the Division of Hume. Under the proposed redistribution Wingecarribee Shire will be split into three, with over 25,000 residents being transferred into the Division of Throsby.

At our general meeting held on Tuesday, 18 August, our members voted unanimously that Wingecarribee Shire remains as a discrete entity, being covered by only one Federal seat, not three. The business community is extremely concerned at any proposed change for the following reasons:-

1. On the one hand we are being seen as part of the Southern Councils Group of the Illawarra
2. Part of the Goulburn District of DSRD
3. Part of the Southern Tablelands for RDA
4. Part of Capital Country for Tourism Grant funding
5. South Western Sydney for Area Health etc.

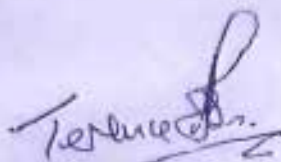
It is no wonder that we are concerned, how many proposals will we be forced to table for Federal Government Funding for three electorates within our Shire of 45,000, if you impose the boundary of the proposed seat of Throsby upon us?

We ask that this matter be reconsidered as the inclusion of Wingecarribee in a Federal seat that includes the outer suburbs of Wollongong, will only water down rural Australia's community and business voice in the Parliament.

If a change is really necessary then we would propose that Wingecarribee Shire be included in the seat of Gilmour, as it shares a number of economic, social and regional interests with other Local Government Areas currently contained within that seat.

Your attention to our concerns is of the utmost importance to our community and business development across the Wingecarribee Shire.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T.E. Oakes-Ash', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**T.E.Oakes-Ash**  
**President**

26 August, 2009

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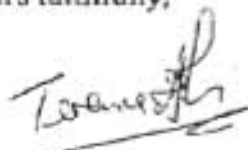
Dear Sir,

**Electoral Commission Redistribution Proposal.**

Further to our letter dated 24 August, re the above, please be advised that we inadvertently referred to "under the proposed redistribution Wingecarribee Shire will be split into three .....". We wish to correct this mistake as the redistribution is proposing a split into two electorates.

Would you please take this into account when reading our letter dated 24 August. All other contents of that letter will still apply.

Yours faithfully,



T.E. Oakes-Ash  
President.