

# OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009  
NSW



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Objection Number **53**

by

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Australian Electoral Commission  
PO Box K406  
Haymarket Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Sir,

### **ELECTORAL COMMISSION REDISTRIBUTION PROPOSAL**



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

At our general meeting on 24 August 2009, our members voted unanimously that Wingecarribee Shire remains as a discreet entity, being covered by 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 the Dept of State & Regional Development.
3. Part of the Southern Tablelands for RDA.
4. Part of Capital Country for Tourism Grant funding.
5. Part of Southwest 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 business voice in the Parliament.

If a change is really necessary then we proposed that Wingecarribee Shire be included in the seat of Gilmore, 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 are of the utmost importance to our community and business development across the Wingecarribee Shire.

Yours faithfully,

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President

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