

OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
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Objection Number 114

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To: NSW Redistribution
Subject: The proposed changes to the Paterson and Newcastle Electoral Boundaries

To: The Australian Electoral Officer of NSW

Dear Sir,

We wish to submit our disagreement with the proposal to remove Millers Forest, Duckenfield and Berry Park from the predominately rural Paterson Electorate and to place them into the urban industrialised Newcastle Electorate.

The areas mentioned have traditionally been and continue to be based upon dairying, cattle, horses, poultry, cropping and turf farming with Maitland as the centre of their commercial activities.

It would be safe to say that very few inhabitants have any real affinity with Newcastle and its social and industrial activities.

Currently a situation exists where the close knit inhabitants of Millers Forest are electorally divided by the Raymond Terrace to East Maitland Road with those to the South in the Newcastle Electorate and with those to the North in the Paterson Electorate.

In a practical sense this division is unrealistic. In theory the balancing of numbers for electorates may be the law but there appears to be no recognition of human interaction.

If to resolve this dilemma is to remove the road as a boundary and to make the Hunter river a boundary and to place everyone south of it into the Newcastle Electorate we suggest from our argument above nothing would change.

Finally, the proposal appears not to take into account a large urban development of Chisholm of perhaps ten thousand people and its effect on the balancing act in the near future.

Yours sincerely
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