OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009 NSW



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OBJECTION TO PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION OF THE FEDERAL BOUNDARY OF THE ELECTORATE OF COOK TO EXCLUDE THE SMALL VILLAGES OF BUNDEENA & MAIANBAR

The small villages of Bundeena & Maianbar each have a low number of eligible voters within the local government area of Sutherland Shire Council. Your proposal to place the villages of Bundeena & Maianbar in the far away electoral boundary of Cunningham (Wollongong) can only be described as FOOLISH. The Redistribution Committee must now refer to its own preamble and acknowledge that Bundeena & Maianbar must remain in the Federal Electorate of Cook for the following reasons:

- the low number of eligible Bundeena/Maianbar voters in local government area of Sutherland Shire Council
- . we are part of Sutherland Shire
- our local roads including the long Bundeena Drive & Maianbar Road come under Sutherland Shire Council
- our public transport link is the ferry service between Bundeena & Cronulla (both within Sutherland Shire)
- our rail links are Cronulla (using the ferry) or Sutherland by car
- our geographical feature Port Hacking is within Sutherland Shire
- our police, ambulance, fire services Metropolitan
 & Rural are within Sutherland Shire
- our nearest public hospital is at Caringbah (the federal electoral office of Cook is also at Caringbah)
- our police services are all located in Sutherland Shire
- our telephone communication link is Cronulla by submarine cable from South Cronulla to Bundeena
- . underwater sewer tunnel & main water service are linked with Sutherland Shire
- . we share the same postcode 2230 with Cronulla
- our nearest educational services are within Sutherland Shire
- . much employment is within Sutherland Shire including Oil Refinery, shopping, transport & the aforesaid services etc

BUNDEENA & MAIANBAR MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARY OF COOK.

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