

# OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009  
NSW



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Objection Number **146**

by

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The Australian Electoral Commission  
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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the members of the Shoalhaven Business Chamber (SBC), I write to object to the proposal of the Redistribution Committee for New South Wales as it relates to the Division of Gilmore.

The SBC is a membership organisation consisting of members from the business, government, education, and not-for-profit sectors in the Shoalhaven region.

We do not believe our region's interests are served by redrawing the Division of Gilmore to include parts of Kiama and Shellharbour Local Government Areas (LGAs). Rather, we support the resolution of the Shoalhaven City Council, outlined in Public Suggestion Number 93, "...that the Federal seat of Gilmore not move so far north that it would extend into the southern suburbs of Wollongong."

Many of the 49 towns and villages of the Shoalhaven were founded, and continue, to serve the surrounding farming districts. To include these areas of the Shoalhaven in a federal seat that also includes the southern urban areas of Wollongong as well as Shellharbour will only diminish the rural character of our community and the representation of those issues of concern to us in the national parliament.

We believe that the boundary for Gilmore in place prior to the 2006 redistribution, which included parts of the Wingecarribee LGA, better reflects the economic and regional composition of the Shoalhaven. Small to medium scale manufacturing, farming, agriculture, winegrowing, olives and tourism are industries common to both Local Government Areas.

I urge the Commission to re-consider its proposal and protect the rural character of the Shoalhaven and the Division of Gilmore.

Yours sincerely



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