

# **OBJECTION**

The Federal Redistribution 2009  
NSW



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**Objection Number 182**

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Dear Sir/Madam

## NSW FEDERAL ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION PROPOSAL

Council at its meeting of the 25 August 2009 resolved to prepare a submission on the basis of requesting an extension of the Paterson Division Federal Electoral boundary to the south of the Division to Hexham Bridge.

Council proposes that the boundary be extended to include the Heatherbrae/Motto Farm localities. This would require the proposed boundary to be extended along the Pacific Highway south, to Hexham Bridge and then west to meet the existing local government boundary between Port Stephens and Maitland City Council area. The attached plan shows Council's proposed changes.

This proposal would benefit the residents of Heatherbrae and Motto Farm reducing the need for this small community to travel a distance to a "combined" booth on election day, which caused a great deal of frustration at the last election. This community is located in the Port Stephens Local Government area and identifies itself with the Paterson Division. Most of the residents in this area are located on the western side of the Pacific Highway as this area is also a commercial precinct to the east.

Council hopes that the Commission sees this as a positive proposal to assisting the local residents in having a say in their local community that they identify with.

Council awaits your response with respect to this matter.

Yours faithfully

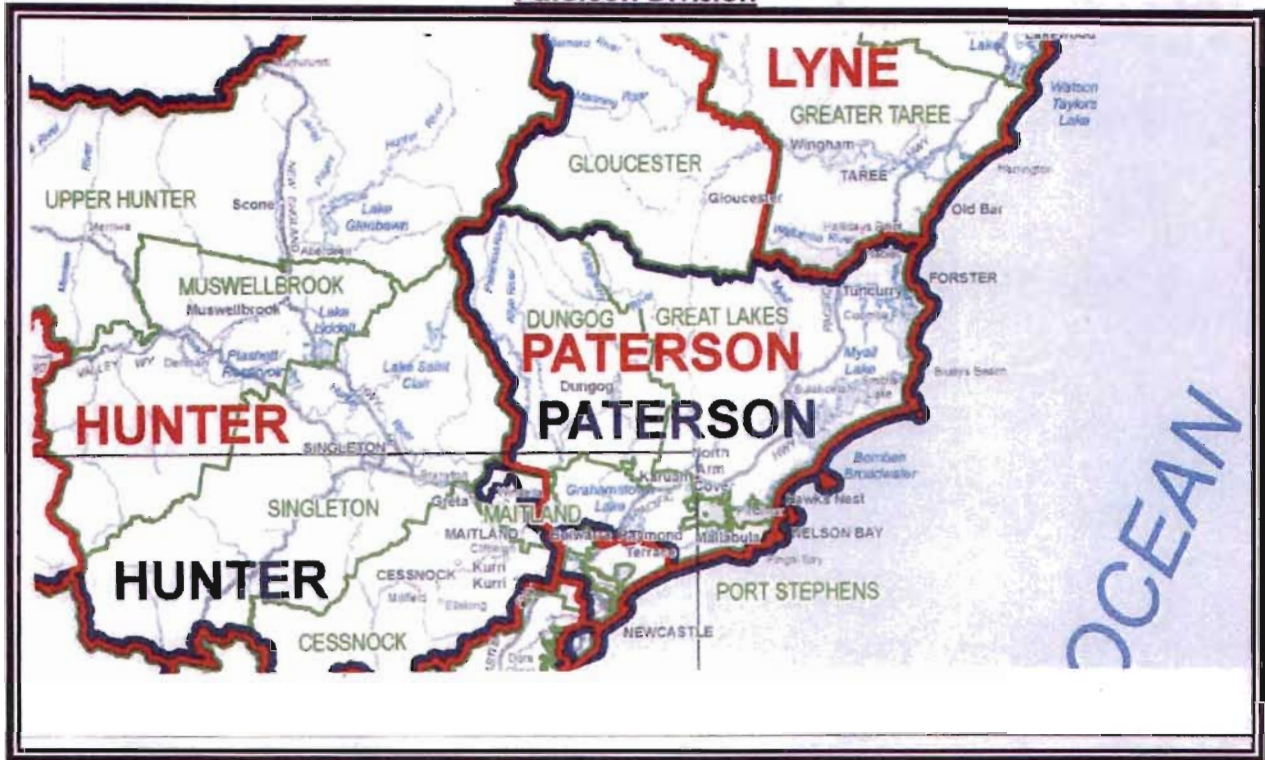
  
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# REDISTRIBUTION & CURRENT FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

## Paterson Division



## Newcastle Division



**LEGEND - RED = EXISTING BOUNDARIES, BLUE = PROPOSED BOUNDARIES, GREEN = LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES, BLACK = COUNCIL PROPOSED CHANGE**