

OBJECTION

The Federal Redistribution 2009
NSW



Objection Number **223**

By

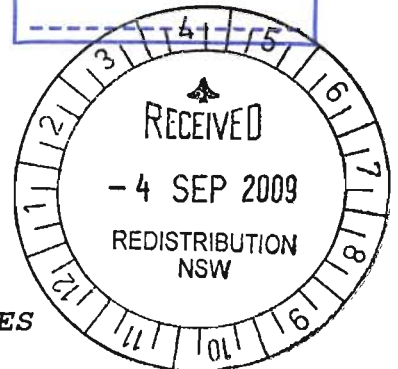
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Dear Sir

OBJECTION TO PROPOSED FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

I wish to voice my objection to the proposed Federal electoral boundaries for New South Wales, particularly the splitting of the Wingecarribee Local Government Area (LGA) between the rural Division of Hume and the urban Division of Throsby.

Transferring parts of the Wingecarribee LGA into the same Division as that of the outer suburbs of Wollongong will only water down the voice of rural residents in Parliament. As a resident of the Wingecarribee LGA, I believe it is essential that our interests are not diluted by those of the outer suburban areas of Wollongong.

The Wingecarribee and Shoalhaven LGAs share many economic, regional and social interests which are not shared with Wollongong suburbs. I believe that the Wingecarribee LGA also has a similar pattern of development to the Shoalhaven LGA, based on towns and villages in a rural setting.

A number of towns in the Wingecarribee LGA fell within the Division of Gilmore until the 2006 NSW redistribution. Surely, the Division of Throsby could extend further south, taking in the rest of the Shellharbour LGA and part of the Kiama LGA. This would mean that the areas of Wingecarribee, which the Redistribution Committee proposed be transferred into Throsby, could instead be moved back to the Division of Gilmore, with the Shoalhaven LGA.

Bringing these areas together in the Division of Gilmore would mean those interests, common to both communities, are directly represented in the Parliament.

Your consideration of this matter would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick".