

# **OBJECTION**

The Federal Redistribution 2009  
NSW



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**Objection Number 269**

**by**

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The Australian Electoral Commission  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

The purpose of this letter is to voice my opposition to the proposed federal boundaries for New South Wales, particularly transferring the Kiama and Shellharbour Local Government Areas into a federal seat with the Shoalhaven Local Government Area.

Proposing a seat that includes the Shoalhaven Local Government Area and urban southern suburbs of Wollongong will only take away the regional voice and representation of the Shoalhaven area. As a resident of the Shoalhaven Local Government Area, I believe it is essential that our interests are not diluted by those of southern suburban areas of Wollongong with different Local Government objectives and regional expectations.

The Shoalhaven and Wingecarribee Local Government Areas share a number of common economic, regional and social interests. It is logical therefore that their interests be served by the one representative at Federal level.

A number of towns in the Wingecarribee Local Government Area fell within the Division of Gilmore until the 2006 NSW redistribution. Surely, it would be sensible and logical for the Division of Throsby to extend further south, taking in the rest of the Shellharbour Local Government Area and part of the Kiama Local Government Area. 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, within the Shoalhaven Local Government Area.

The Electoral Commission's consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Peter & Judith Moate