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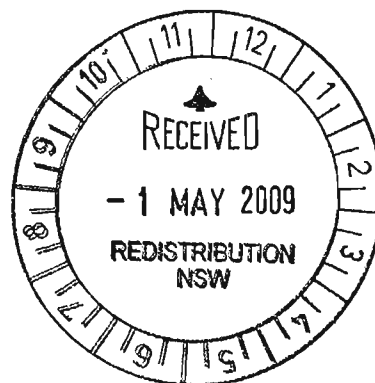
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Redistribution Committee for NSW



Dear Committee Members

It is with great concern that rural electors once again appear to be targeted by another redistribution that may further impact upon representation by our local Federal members.

I appeal to the Committee not to reduce representation in regional NSW further than was already done in 2006.

The Sydney Morning Herald recently reported that the National Party want the metropolitan seat of Banks eliminated whilst maintaining the status quo in regional area's. In fairness to rural and regional NSW, the elimination of a one metropolitan seat whether it be Banks or some other seat is the most equitable decision.

The seat of Banks encompasses 59 square kilometres unlike Calare, some 237,000 square kilometres, which I imagine for the sitting member is a nightmare to adequately represent the interests of his constituents. Likewise could be said for the seat of Parkes.

The seat of Macquarie created at the last election is approximately 12,000 square kilometres.

This is an electorate created by a redistribution that fails completely the community of interest principle long held by the AEC as a major consideration when creating new boundaries. The seat of Macquarie has no community of interest between the western and eastern sectors of the electorate. The western sector is rural/regional whilst the eastern sector is outer metropolitan/metropolitan. We do not share media footprints and are divided by the natural barrier of the Blue Mountains.

This unsatisfactory position should be amended with the eastern sector of Macquarie merged into a new outer metropolitan seat with the western sectors of Oberon and Bathurst returned to the seat of Calare.

I look forward to the equitable redistribution of electors within NSW.

Yours sincerely

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