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My suggestion for the NSW redistribution relates to the Macquarie electorate. I believe it will probably have to expand given its current and projected enrolment (and I think it is important to keep it as a Federal electorate largely based on its current foci on the Blue Mountains). I believe if it is to expand that should be towards the west rather than the east.

The current geography of the electorate basically encompasses much of the Greater Blue Mountains area and adjoining Hawkesbury region.

Most people living in the Blue Mountains area associate more with Lithgow, the 'Gardens of Stone' areas and the Oberon district to the west as being integrally linked to the Blue Mountains rather than those parts of Western Sydney east of the Hawkesbury River.

So if Macquarie needs to expand I believe that should be to include most of the LGAs of Lithgow and Oberon. The towns of Windsor and Richmond could be excised (areas east of the Hawkesbury River) if necessary to counterbalance that expansion west.

One last suggestion would be to make sure the Macquarie electorate encompasses all of the [Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage area](#) and the now expanded Gardens of Stone conservation areas on the western boundary of the Greater Blue Mountains area so that those contiguous conservation areas are all included in one Federal electorate rather than being split between a number of separate electorates as is currently the case.

Yours sincerely

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