

Please provide additional information and supporting documentation as attachments.

Lord Howe Island should remain in the Electorate of Port Macquarie for the following reasons:

1. Our small isolated community has nothing in common with the Electorate of Sydney, which encompasses high density inner city suburbs.
2. Our shipping service operates from Port Macquarie each fortnight, bringing building materials, vehicles, provisions etc to the island (Birdon Shipping)
3. Main suppliers for our hospitality businesses are in Port Macquarie
4. Our main grocery suppliers are based in Port Macquarie
5. Eastern Air Services operate regular freight and passenger services to the island from Port Macquarie
6. Lord Howe Island comes under Camden Haven High School for Distance Education for High School Students
7. Lord Howe Island Central School is part of the Hastings Network
8. Lord Howe Island Police are part of the Mid North Coast Area Command
9. Trades people who come to the island are mainly from the Port Macquarie area (including Pest Control, Fire Extinguisher servicing etc)
10. There is easy access to specialist Health Services in Port Macquarie
11. The Lord Howe Island Board and Port Macquarie-Hastings Council have a MOU to provide Profession advise and services

Any move to change our Electorate would have a detrimental effect on our lives and the well being of the island. I believe the issues and concerns relevant to the Lord Howe Island would be "lost" in the greater concerns of the Sydney Electorate.