

Details of your submission

Please provide additional information and supporting documentation as attachments.

I have been a resident on Lord Howe Island for 44 years, have held business there since 1991, currently still owned and run by myself and daughter (she is 5th generation LHIlander).

For many reasons I maintain that Lord Howe Island should remain within the Port Macquarie electoral district.

Since 1974 when the airstrip was built, passengers and freight have been transported by air to the Island from Port Macquarie which initiated a very strong relationship with that area held by locals, businesses and local administration alike.

Since then in 1992 a strong relationship was built with the locally owned shipping company trading to the Island and then using Port Macquarie as its base later for retail and berthing..

More recently we have Eastern Airlines running regular freight and passenger services which has continued the strong relationship with building and retail recouces to the Island. That service has increased recently to a fleet of aircraft meaning we now also have easy and convenient access to specialist and medical services in that area . This is much more congenial to older members particularly, than the difficulty of having to visit the City of Sydney .

Urgent and necessary pharmaceutical goods are sourced from the Port Macquarie area, proving to be reliable to our small Hospital and community.

There exists a MOU with the P.M Hastings Council , assisting the local administration with various services and advice pertaining to local situations. Our local police positions are a part of the Mid North Coast Local Area Command.

Our children have support from the Hastings Network through the Camden Haven High School.

I consider that the above evidence is enough to support maintaining our strong relationship through the P> M Hastings area rather than the city base of Sydney, being more appropriate to our lifestyle and means of conveniences.

The idea that the Sydney based airline is our only means of connecting to the mainland is quite unreasonable and irrelevant.

I hope you will consider favourably the community's requests and reasonings to stay where we are in the PM Hastings Elecororate.

Yours sincerely

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