Details of your submission

Please provide additional information and supporting documentation as attachments.

I am writing in relation to the proposal to transfer Lord Howe Island from the electorate of Port Macquarie to Sydney.
The proposal would appear to be illogical and the reasoning publicly given is limited and weak.

Lord Howe Island would be swallowed up by the Sydney metrocentric bureaucracy and is more suited to a regional electorate ie its big brother nearest on the mainland, being Port Macquarie. In short, Port Macquarie is in the best position to support and protect the islanders.

I was the District Business and Administration Manager for NSW Police on the Mid North Coast (Port Macquarie) for almost 30 years and am familiar with the machinations of contact and support required on the Island by the resident police officer. There is a small airline based at Port Macquarie which services the Island and I was a regular customer, in my official capacity, of the Island Trader that transports goods to the island and is based at Port Macquarie.

I understand that the Catholic parish in Port Macquarie is also the parent church for the Catholic community on the island.

Of important note is the area of Emergency Management which is most effectively managed by the relevant authorities at Port Macquarie, including Police.

To transfer the Island to the Sydney electorate, in my view, could create unnecessary dysfunction to the small island community.

I have deliberately kept this submission brief as this is just one personal viewpoint, based on an understanding on how the island operates but I do know that the Port Macquarie local member, Leslie Williams is the best member to represent the remote offshore community. She is knowledgeable, caring and aware of its unique needs,

Most of the key relationships are on the Mid North Coast not in Sydney. Where QANTAS flies from is almost irrelevant. What ethical and justifiable reasons exist to support this change?