

The Secretariat
Electoral Districts Redistribution Panel
c/o NSW Electoral Commission
GPO Box 832
Sydney 2001

I am voicing my concerns regarding the decision to change boundaries and remove the town of Branxton from the Cessnock electorate to the Upper Hunter. The towns of Greta Branxton are two very unique little villages which are entwined in all aspects of life. Our social fabric would be shattered if these two towns were divided by this change. All our sporting bodies share the Greta/Branxton name be it soccer, swimming, rugby league and little athletics just to name a few. Our local catholic primary school Rosary Park draws students from both towns. In all these areas of sport and education which electoral seat would they air their concerns or apply for government grants. This decision would not be in the best interest of either town. We have always been affiliated with our rate paying area of Cessnock City council and have no association with the Upper Hunter. I hope you will consider these matters when making your decision.

Yours sincerely.

