Details of your submission

Please provide additional information and supporting documentation as attachments.

I am writing to object to the proposal to transfer Lord Howe Island from Port Macquarie electorate to the Sydney electorate. The proposal to do so is based on the false presumption that there is no regular air service between Port Macquarie and the Island. In this, the Redistribution Panel has been gravely misinformed.

Eastern Airlines operate regular, reliable and popular flights between Port Macquarie and the Island for both people and freight, currently three days a week. Eastern Airlines intends to expand capacity to the Island and has just started a passenger service from Newcastle.

A great deal of business taes place between the Island and suppliers of materials and services in Port Macquarie. Islanders also travel to Port Macquarie for medical and dental services.

The Island is a regional destination that has nothing in common with the Sydney metropolis. The Island should remain in the Port Macquarie district.

There is no basis in common sense for the proposal to merge the Island with Sydney - we will be 300 people lost in a crowd of millions.