

Please provide additional information and supporting documentation as attachments.

Ref: NSW200622/5 - Submission by [REDACTED] Bowman to be included in the Bathurst electorate

I live on Nullo Mountain, near Rylstone and am part of the community on the north side of Cox's Creek Road and Nullo Mountain Road that has been placed in the Upper Hunter electorate. Since being placed in this electorate, it has been very frustrating to be so far and so disconnected from any representation we should have. Looking at the map, there is the very large and rugged Wollemi National Park between us and the Upper Hunter.

We periodically receive newsletters from Michael Johnsen, telling us what a wonderful job he is doing for his electorate and for us, his constituents. To give an example, the most recent one documents money spent on facilities in Murrurundi, Gloucester, Merriwa, Cassilis, Stroud, Singleton – all towns many hours' drive from here. All of this means absolutely nothing to us – if we need to go beyond Rylstone and Kandos, we go to Mudgee or Bathurst. For medical services our GP refers us to Mudgee, or Bathurst or Orange. For our dental services, we go to Lithgow. These are the towns that are in *our* area, and what goes on in *these* towns is completely relevant to us.

I wrote to Michael Johnsen some time back, explaining our predicament and pointing out that we had no representation at State level because of it, and requesting help to have us moved into the Bathurst electorate. I received a very dismissive reply, basically saying there was nothing he could do about it. He was clearly not interested. He has never visited this area to my knowledge, nor shown any interest in representing us over here – not even following the summer bushfires, that severely affected this part of our community.

I therefore wish to express my support for [REDACTED] Bowman's submission, and strongly request that we be moved into the Bathurst electorate.

