

Details of your submission

Please provide additional information and supporting documentation as attachments.

The proposed redistribution of state electorates would see the township of Lansdowne (NSW 2430) move from the Port Macquarie electorate to Myall Lakes. Community organisations based in the Lansdowne area, including Lansdowne Football Club Incorporated, have established a solid stakeholder relationship with the member for Port Macquarie - who has been working with our community groups to improve much needed local infrastructure. The proposed redistribution would sever these relationships and place our community at the fringe of a new electorate (Myall Lakes) with the prospect of having to establish a rapport with that member - who is anticipated to already have key infrastructure projects planned (well into the foreseeable future) within the bounds of his existing governance area. This is expected to compromise the realisation of vital improvements required by the Lansdowne community.

Note: the existing Myall Lakes / Port Macquarie boundary sits along the Lansdowne River. The road on the southern side of this boundary (within Myall Lakes) is quite frankly dilapidated and dangerous. Prior to construction of the dual-carriageway highway, the Lansdowne Rd was a key alternate route frequently utilised when the Pacific highway was blocked. While the Lansdowne road is still used in this manner (including often being frequented by heavy vehicle), funding and maintenance have wained. The road has 4 railway crossings - most, if not all, require significant upgrades - and a single lane bridge (which requires urgent attention). Any surface maintenance carried out is poorly performed and typically deteriorates quicker than the existing surface.

Our township has also recently had its tennis court club house torn down by local council (MidCoast Council). Apart from the grant based investment into the local community by the member of Port Macquarie, our community / recreational facilities are declining - which is in stark contrast to the funding and facilities being provided to many other communities in the region. Our community deserves better and a change in state electoral boundaries is anticipated to place our community organisations at a distinct disadvantage with seeking assistance with proactive community-driven facility projects.