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INTRODUCTION

This paper provides an analysis of selected socio-economic data from the 2001 Census of Population and Housing for New South Wales State Electoral Districts.

Each profile presents Census 2001 data, 1999 NSW State Election results (or by-election results where appropriate) and a corresponding map for each of the 93 State Electoral Districts. The political party shown in the title for each electorate is based on the party holding the seat as at January 2003.

Selected characteristics have been extracted from the Census 2001 and Census 1996 spreadsheet data provided to the NSW Parliamentary Library by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. This publication also calculates rates of change over the five year period between Census 1996 and Census 2001 expressed as a positive or negative percentage figure relative to the particular characteristic in the Census 1996 spreadsheet data.

The data used presents both the 2001 and 1996 census data in relation to the New South Wales state electoral boundaries as redistributed in 1998. Electoral square kilometre size was extracted from the 1998 New South Wales Redistribution of Electorates report. The maps have been reproduced, with permission, from the 1998 New South Wales Redistribution of Electorates Report. Enrolment figures are extracted from New South Wales Enrolment Statistics supplied by the State Electoral Office.

The tables detailing the 1999 New South Wales General Election 2-party vote and/or 2-candidate vote (where appropriate) for each electorate have been extracted from Antony Green's background paper 6/99 "New South Wales Legislative Assembly Elections 1999: Two-Candidate preferred results by Polling Place". In the Albury, Bligh, Cabramatta, Cessnock, Dubbo, Keira, Manly, Marrickville, Northern Tablelands and Tamworth electorates the final two candidates were not from the ALP and the Coalition and the profiles for these electorates thus also include a 2-candidate vote table.

The 2-party vote and/or 2-candidate vote for the Campbelltown, Auburn, Tamworth and Hornsby by-elections have been extracted from Antony Green's background paper 1/2002 "Implications of the 2001 Federal Election for the 2003 New South Wales Election" and included in the profiles for these electorates. The vote table included for the Port Macquarie electorate is the 2-party vote from 1999. However, the sitting Member elected as a National Party MP declared himself an Independent in March 2002 and will run as such in 2003.

For further analysis of 2001 Census data sorted by electorate see the background paper New South Wales State Electoral Districts Ranked by 2001 Census Characteristics (no.1/2003).

All tables should be read in conjunction with the definitions provided at the end of this paper (pp187-192).

NOTES

1999 GENERAL ELECTION 2-PARTY/2-CANDIDATE RESULTS; BY-ELECTION RESULTS

(1) 2-Candidate Results 1999: **Albury, Bligh, Cabramatta, Cessnock, Dubbo, Keira, Manly, Marrickville, Northern Tablelands and Tamworth** electorates - the final two candidates were not from the ALP and the Coalition and as such the profiles for these electorates also include a 2-candidate vote table.

(2) By-elections: **Campbelltown, Tamworth and Hornsby** - the final two candidates were not the ALP and the Coalition and as such the profiles for these electorates also include a 2-candidate vote table relating to these by-elections. The final two candidates for the **Auburn** by-election were from both the ALP and the Coalition. Accordingly a 2-party vote table relating to the by-election has been included in the Auburn electorate profile.

(3) The vote table included for the **Port Macquarie** electorate profile is the 2-party vote from 1999 – the sitting Member was elected as a National Party MP at the 1999 General Election. Became an Independent in March 2002 and will run as such in 2003.