

**Unequal Burdens In a Developing
Democracy:** Parliamentary Pay and
the Structural Disadvantage of Rural
and Regional Members in NSW,
1862-1889

Narrowed focus

Campaign for parliamentary remuneration between
1862-1889

Country MPs

Absenteeism



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debate



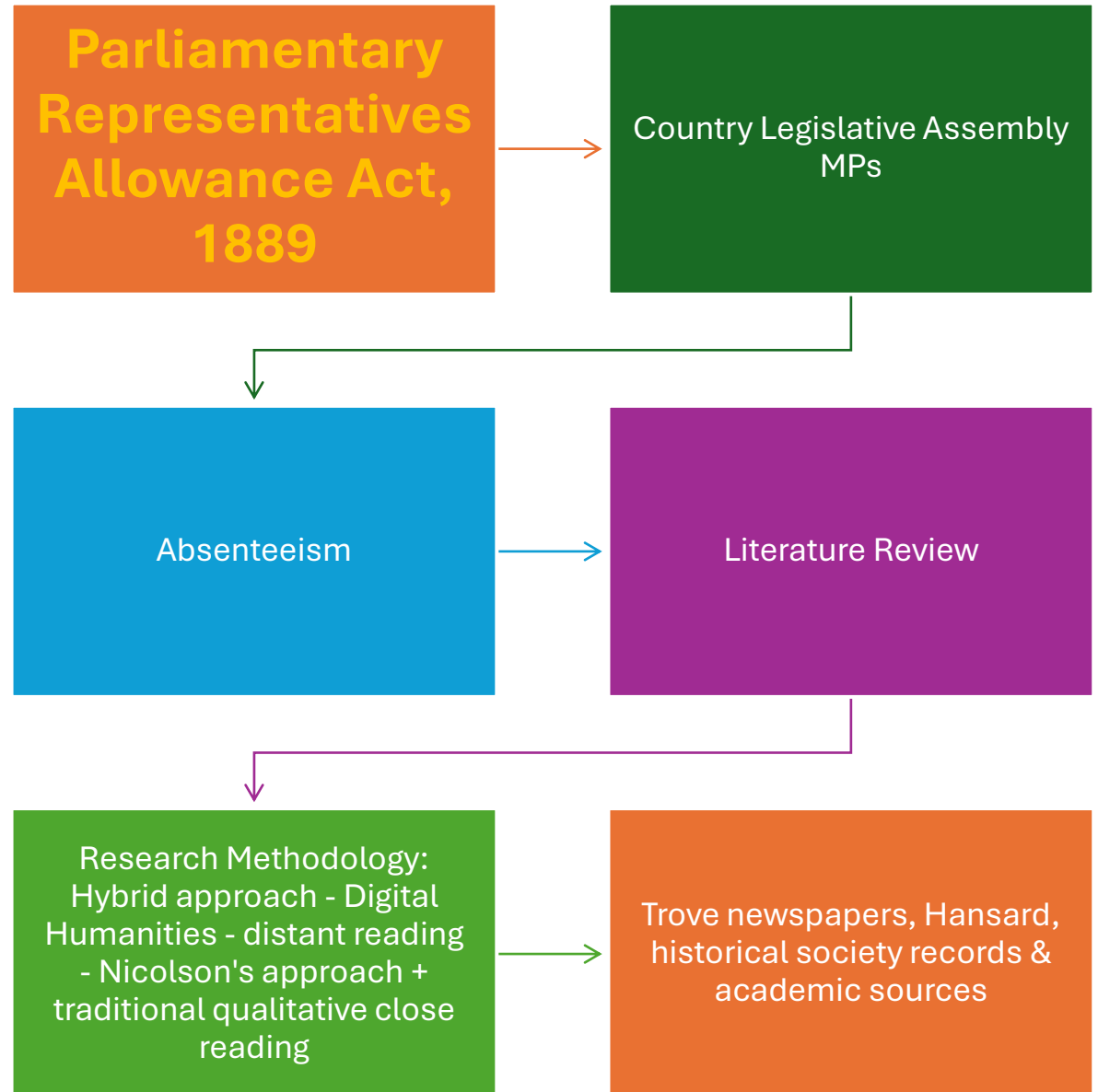
Active research project

Put another way, still
being *pecked* and
scratched at



And this is where you come in;
it's an interactive presentation

Some background



Electoralates of Interest



Gunnedah, (North-West)

Northumberland and
Upper Hunter (Mid- East)

Balranald (South-West)

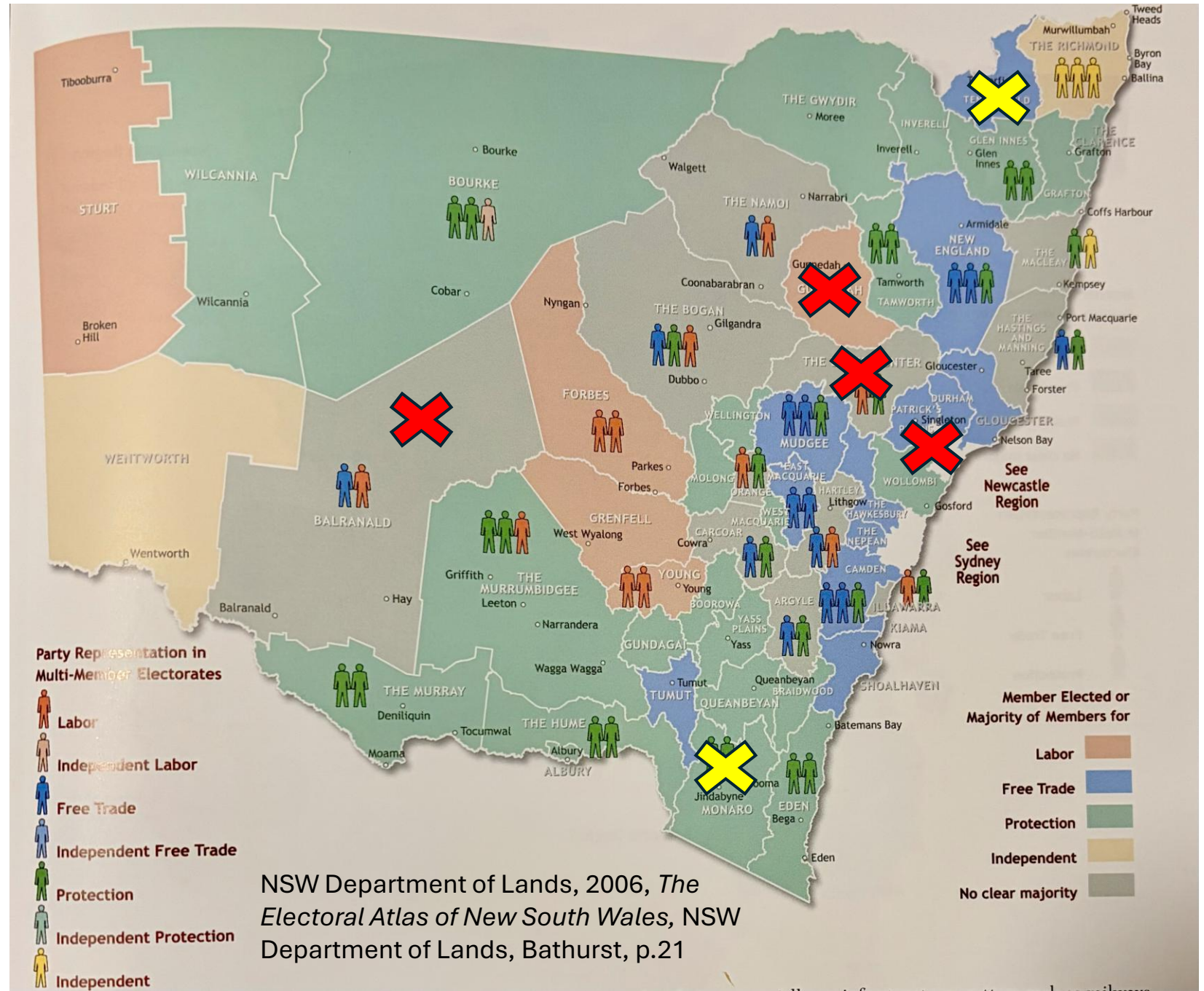
Electorates Of Interest (Map)



Electorates: Gunnedah, Northumberland, Upper Hunter & Balranald



Potential Extra Electorates: Monaro & Tenterfield.





Thomas Henry Hall Goodwin Gunnedah

- MP 1887-1888
- MP 1895-1901
- Pastoralist, surveyor and investor
- 8,900-acre (3,601 hectares) "Booloocorooroo" sheep station (subdivided into "Ruvigne" including homestead)
- *Notoriety*: died aged 72 (1/7/1921) – fell from window at Hotel Metropole, now site of Governor Macquarie Tower

Thomas Edward Hungerford

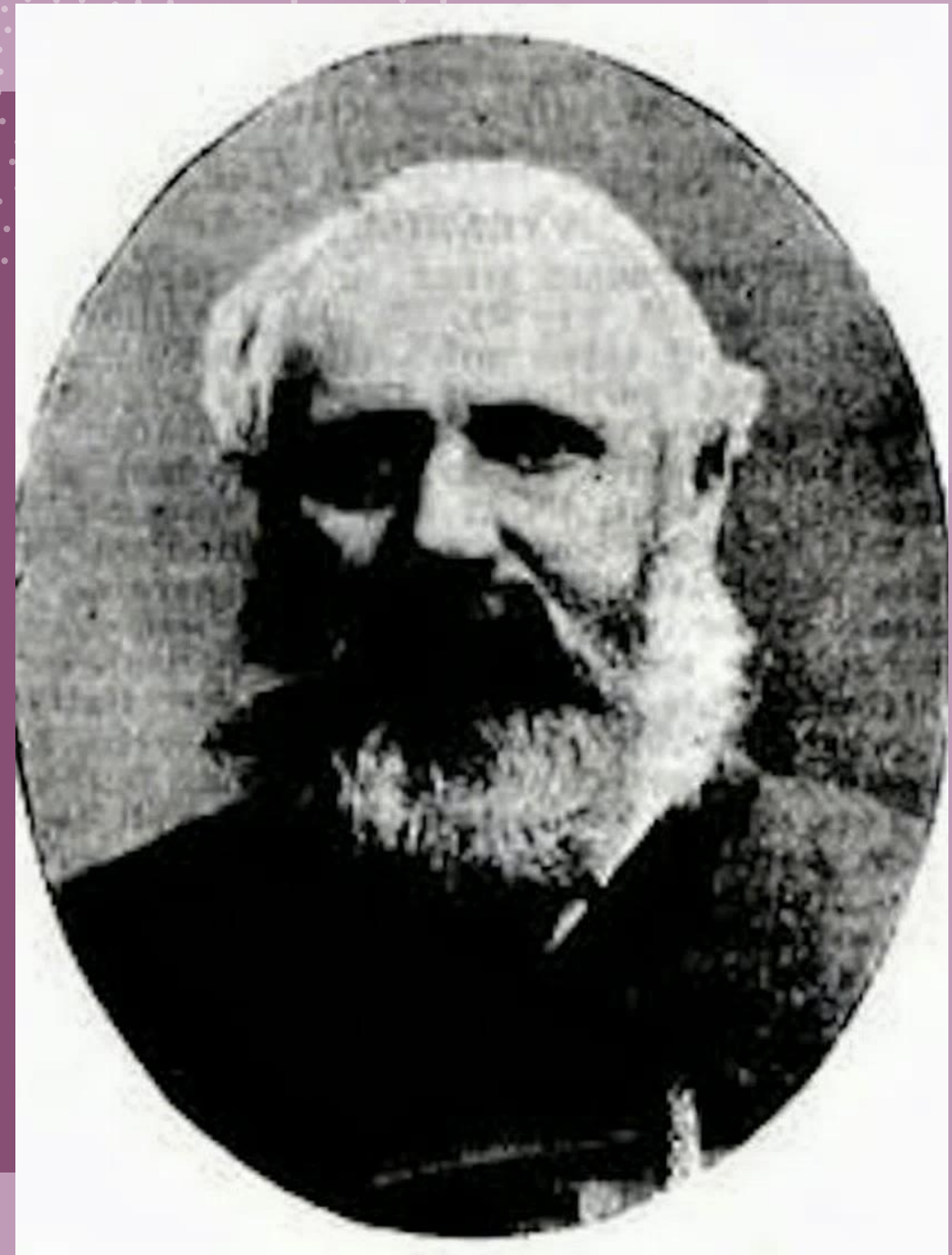
Northumberland and Upper Hunter

MP 1877-1880 & 1882: Northumberland (Newcastle and lower Hunter)

Upper Hunter: (1875) and 1885-1887

Pastoralist and Squatter. 1890's drought - 1896 bank foreclosed on his country properties.

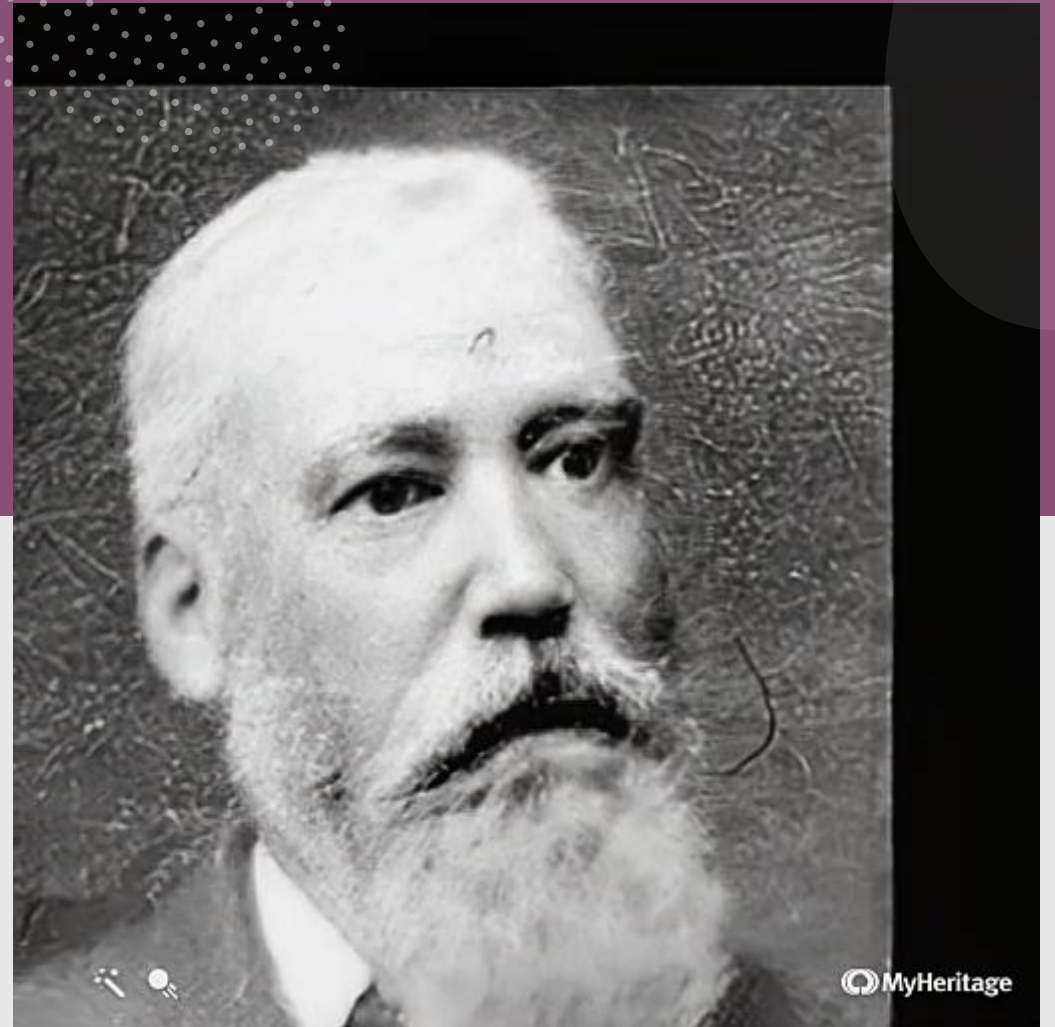
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John William Cramsie (Snr)

Balranald

- MP: 1880-1885 (Balranald : two members : Robert Wilkinson)
- Storekeeper, postmaster, shipping agent, and pastoralist
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Preliminary findings

Plus

- Issues
- Your thoughts?