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Attention: Redistribution Secretariat

We wish to express our concerns regarding abolishment of the seat of Gwydir.

This will we feel, have a detrimental affect, and severely disadvantage many rural communities and must be overturned.

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The new proposed area of almost 380,000 square kilometres is around 47per cent of the state, and by creating such a large electorate this reduces the voice of country people in Federal Parliament. How can an MP possible look after an electorate this size, and it seems that the legislative requirements for communities of interest and the size of the electorates to be considered in the redistribution process have been ignored.

Abolition of a Sydney Electorate would cause far less disruption and be much more equitable than abolishing the Gwydir Electorate. and the first spikers of the contract of the spikers.

As a concerned citizens of the Gwydir Electorate, this letter has been written to express our anger at the proposed abolishment of the seat of Gwydir

Yours faithfully,

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