



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Redistribution Committee for New South Wales
Level 4, Roden Cutler House,
24 Campbell Street,
Haymarket. NSW. 2000

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I would like to comment on proposed changes to the electorate of Gwydir in the upcoming redistribution.

It is with some concern that I have noted that several of the submissions that you have received have suggested removing the portion of the Gwydir Shire that was formally known as the Yallaroi Shire from the electorate of Gwydir and placing it in New England.

This area is predominately based on broad acre mixed farming, which is common throughout the electorate of Gwydir. Indeed, this area obtains many of its services from the town of Moree which is in close proximity. Much of the grain produced in this area is delivered to the large grain depots that are located in Moree.

The Gwydir Shire Council has a close relationship with both Moree Plains and Narrabri Shire Councils. At present Gwydir Shire Council has work crews repairing roads under contract in Moree Plains Shire, and Gwydir and Narrabri Shires are working on a joint proposal to upgrade the road between Bingara and Narrabri.

I do not believe it is in the best interests of the residents of this area to change the status quo. However, if changes were necessary in this area I would respectfully suggest that the southern portion of the Gwydir Shire, that is the former Bingara and part Barraba Shire be removed from the electorate of New England and placed in the electorate of Gwydir. This would place the Gwydir Shire wholly within the electorate of Gwydir and strengthen the community of interest.

Yours faithfully

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Gwydir Shire Council