



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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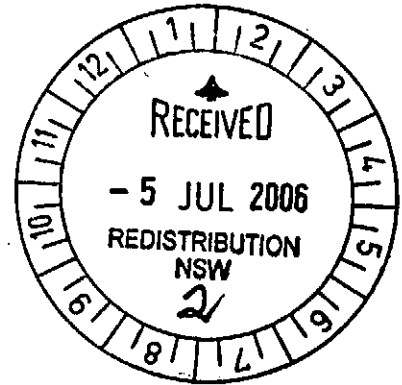
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4 July 2006

The Chairman
Redistribution Committee for NSW
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Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to the proposal to abolish the Federal Seat of Gwydir and to expand the boundaries of the Parkes Electorate. If this proposal is brought into effect the constituents and their parliamentary representative will certainly experience the "Tyranny of Distance".

As a former member for Gwydir, representing the seat for twenty years, I am fully aware of the difficulties in giving fair and equitable representation to the constituents of such an extensive electorate.

It is stated in the Sun Herald, July 2, that "the boundaries must take into account community interests, communication and transport links...". How then can they propose to extend the boundaries into regions where access to their Federal Member becomes even more difficult?

I would also like to object to the proposal to name the "new" electorate "Parkes". The name Gwydir has survived since Federation and causes no confusion with a township which is outside the proposed boundaries.

I would be grateful if you would reconsider this proposed redistribution.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ralph Hunt".

The Hon Ralph Hunt AO