



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



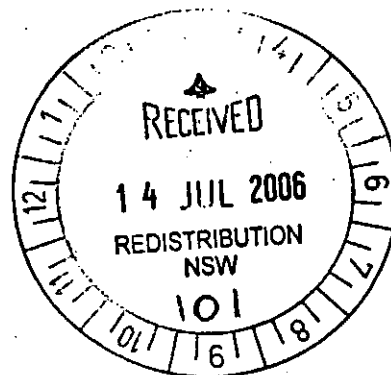
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To whom it may concern

I wish to voice my opposition to the proposed merge of the Gwydir and Parkes electorates.

Although I'm not one to be a "whinging farmer", I feel that it's necessary in this case to voice my concern. Our rural and some regional communities feel that everything is always taken away from us, merged, consolidated, moved to a larger centre... the list goes on... and why wouldn't we feel this way? It is decisions like the merge of these two large predominantly rural electorates that help to further erode any control we have over our everyday business and personal decisions in OUR OWN communities!! Hospitals, local councils, electricity boards.... they all just seem to go! I don't want to hear that "they're state issues" or "they're local government issues"... because it's all the same to the average person on the street. We feel like we are not as able to make our own decisions about things that directly affect us in our area and in our everyday lives because we're not from a large centre or a city!

I was a previous staff member for the current Member for Gwydir. In our roles at the electorate office, we witnessed first hand the demands placed on an MP of an electorate the size of Gwydir. How will the new electorate function administration-wise? How will the Member be able to travel around an electorate that size? How will constituents feel that they have reasonable access to their MP?

Gwydir and Parkes are the only two electorates left that are predominantly rural based. Why aren't we able to keep them? Electorate distributions can't be based on population alone!

I am opposed to the proposed merge of the Gwydir and Parkes electorates.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emma Jeffrey".

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