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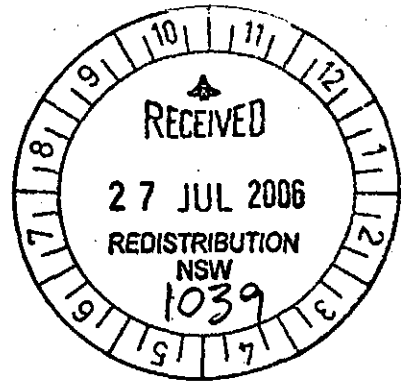
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Please find attached letter pertaining to the redistribution of federal electoral boundaries within NSW.



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Redistribution Committee
Australian Electoral Office

To dear Committee Members

I write to express my dissatisfaction with the NSW
Redistribution Proposal of Federal Electoral Boundaries.

The proposal adopts a population model based on the
Electoral Act 1918. Retaining an approximately equal
number of registered electors in each electorate is used as
the basis for the proposal. This proposal adopting 49
electorates and consequently resulting in 49 members of the
House of Representatives in NSW is fundamentally flawed
if primarily at a representative level for rural and regional
constituents currently residing in the federal electorates of
Gwydir and Parkes.

The creation of a federal electorate of the size suggested in
the proposal is technically flawed. It makes no provision
for the rural and regional Local Government Areas it
encompasses or the diversity in the towns, communities
and electors it seeks to serve.

The issues at a representative level contained within such a
large rural and regional constituency are incredibly diverse
and henceforth pose a number of problems at a Federal
Government level. The formulation of sound policy which
reflects the needs of constituents and contributes to the
benefit of our nation as a whole is the core objective of
members of the House of Representatives. This proposal
diminishes that responsibility and alleviates a more detailed
analysis that is required of the Electoral Act and the way it
serves our national interest and the future of our electoral
processes.

The proposal should be repealed until a more adequate model can be developed that properly takes into account the differences that exist at a representative level between city and country electorates. It is recommended that any model used for determination of federal electoral boundaries be based not merely on population alone.

The proposal should certainly not be adopted prior to the next federal election set down for late 2007. The objection to this proposal has been wide-ranging and consistent. Electors will not be well-served by under representation in Federal Parliament and the national interest is not protected where electoral boundaries are based on mathematical formulae alone.

Thank you for the opportunity to make comment on this very important paradigm requiring further detailed examination in the interests of our future national electoral processes.

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