



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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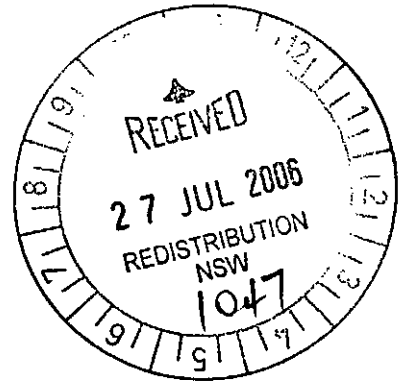
Please find attached a copy of a covering letter for a submission regarding the redistribution of electoral boundaries for Parkes & Gwydir.

The originals will follow by post.

Regards
Glennis Mangan
PA to General Manager



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R J Geraghty

27 July 2006

Mr D Farrell
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Redistribution committee for NSW
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Dear Sir

Re: Redistribution of Electoral Boundaries for Parkes and Gwydir

The Warrumbungle Shire Council at its ordinary July meeting determined that a submission be lodged into the proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries in NSW for Federal Elections.

Council believes that there should be a complete review of the methods used to create the new Parkes Electorate. Physically this electorate is huge, it covers 47% of NSW. While it is acknowledged that there are electorates that cover greater areas these electorates do not have the spread of towns and villages across the whole area. This electorate as it is proposed will make it difficult to have the same level of local representation as other citizens of Australia enjoy.

The disadvantages will arise from:

- a) The physical and geographical features running through the centre of the electorate. The Pilliga Forest forms a 100 km barrier between either side of the electorate.
- b) The dominant transport routes into and through the electorate radiate in an east west direction from Dubbo (in the electorate) and Tamworth (outside the electorate). This means that electors who do not have easy access to private transport must travel the length of the route back to Sydney then out again on the other transport route.

- c) The Community of interest with 7 state seats partly or wholly within the electorate and 19 local government areas is quite different across this vast proposed electorate.

These major concerns Council believes will deny electors an equitable opportunity to be fully represented in all Federal issues.

Council also met with other Councils to discuss this matter and support that submission. A copy is attached for your further consideration.

On behalf of Council I would like to invite the Committee to visit the electorate to view first hand the difficulties the new electorate of Parkes would create. Council is willing to provide a venue for consultation at Coonabarabran which falls approximately in the centre of the new electorate in a north south aspect.

Yours faithfully

R J GERAGHTY
GENERAL MANAGER