



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



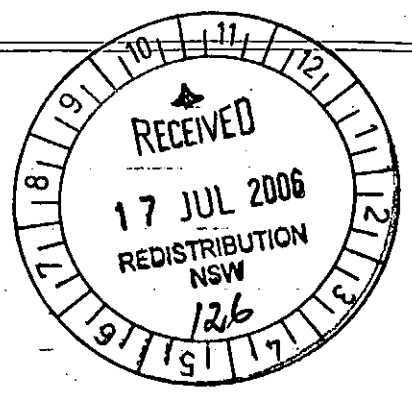
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Redistribution Committee  
for N.S.W.  
P.O. Box 20014,  
World Square N.S.W. 2002

Dear Committee Members,  
I strongly object to the proposal  
to abolish the Federal seat of Gwydir!

It is a well established fact that Rural voters  
are more familiar with and use their Political  
representatives more than city-based voters and their M.Ps.

Gwydir is some 185,000 sq kilometres of northern  
inland N.S.W. of which Mudgee is part of. To have  
this area absorbed into the existing seat of Parkes is  
ludicrous!

380,000 sq kilometres or an astonishing 47% of  
the State of NSW would be the vast area for some  
"lucky" M.P. to look after the interests & concerns of  
unlucky voters.

In contrast the seat of Wentworth  
in Sydney has an area of 26 sq km. Would they be  
better represented? A resounding Yes!

Governments who divide don't stand. United is  
the key, but putting this proposal forward is swallowing  
up this electorate, especially when Mudgee is growing

at an astounding rate.

The Rural sector should not be forgotten as it is vitally necessary for effective Federal Government representation, by the Member who knows and understands the people and has accessibility for them.

Concerned by this proposal to abolish Gywydir

Lord Steffen