



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**

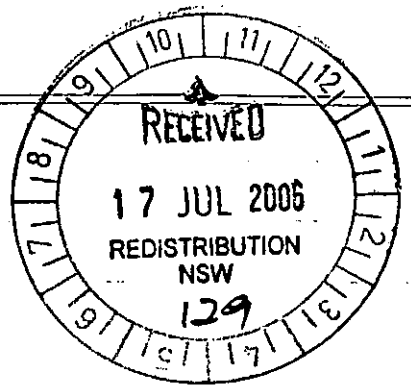


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To:
Redistribution Committee
for N.S.Wales,
P.O. Box 20014
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Dear Committee,
I am a born & bred Mudgee person
and strongly object to the abolition of the Federal
seat of Gwydir.

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

Does it make sense that Gwydir is some
185,000 square kilometres of northern inland NSW. To have
this area absorbed into the existing seat of Parkes is
ridiculous and ludicrous.

We the country or people in this area
of Gwydir have a democratic right to be represented
and this would not be the case if this proposed
abolishment of the seat of Gwydir occurred.

Would a 380,000 sq kilometre or an astonishing
47% of the state of NSW be a just representation of Rural
NSW, expecting one "lucky" MP to look after the interests
of unlucky voters spread over 380,000 kms? In contrast,
the seat of Wentworth in Sydney by contrast has an area
of 26 sq km. Would they be better represented? a definite
YES! So why make this impossible for Gwydir to be

justly represented? Under this Democracy are we
the Rural sector going to be forgotten? Should we
not have a vitally necessary effective Federal Govt.,
representative, who knows and understands them and
is accessible in the electorate.

A Government divided against itself will not stand
Australia is the lucky country - don't ruin it!

Member in this electorate of Gympie
Helen Steffen
Mudgee Citizen