



**The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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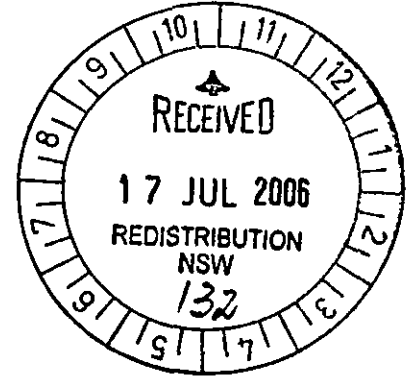


**Councillor**

# **Ben Shields**

*Working harder on Dubbo City Council*

Wednesday, 12 July 2006



Mr Ian Campbell  
Chairman  
Redistribution Committee for New South Wales  
Australian Electoral Commission  
PO Box 20014  
WORLD SQUARE NSW 2002

Dear Mr Campbell

## **PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES**

The Australian Electoral Commission Redistribution Committee for New South Wales on 30 June 2006 published a report detailing the proposed new federal electoral boundaries. As part of the consultative process, the AEC has called for public comment.

I would like to register my personal disappointment in the preposed new boundaries for the Parkes electorate of which Dubbo is part. Putting it in simple terms, this preposed electorate is too big for any one member to fully represent. I say this not only because of the huge geographical distances, but also the cultural differences between the areas.

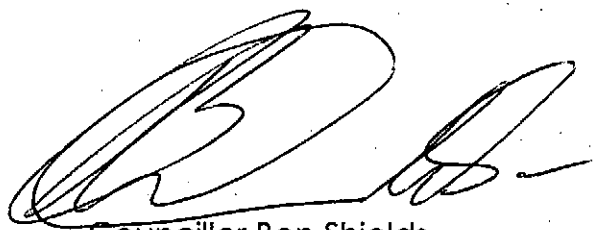
Dubbo is set to be the only city in the electorate of Parkes. As there is a great cultural difference between people of city and country origin, I believe that people from say Wilcannia (or any other distant small community) would resent having their local member located in a city that could be 500 kilometres away. This would cause them to feel indifferent to their elected member.

My first preference would be for the seat of Gwydir not to be abolished and that the AEC look to abolish a seat in the Sydney area. If however this is not possible I would suggest placing the City of Dubbo in the electorate of Calare and reinstating Broken Hill into Parkes. This would enable Parkes

to be a near fully rural electorate while at the same time aligning Dubbo into an electorate with similar sized cities.

Thankyou for allowing me to take this opportunity to make a submission into the re-distribution and I trust that you take into consideration the huge level of community opposition against the current preposed electorate model.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Shields', written in a cursive style.

Councillor Ben Shields