



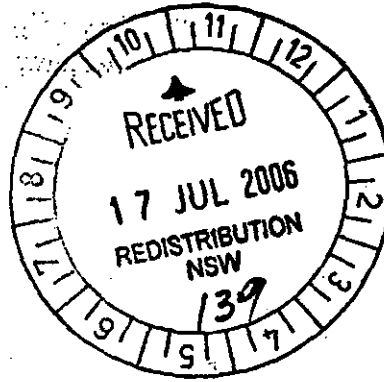
**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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Dear Sir

I wish to object to the proposed Federal Boundary changes which eliminates the seat of Gwydir and includes the area in a new seat of Parkes.

I realise that this probably stems from some middle management bureaucracy playing with computer figures, without probably being fully aware of what they are playing with, having never been out of a Capital City (After 34 years in Govt Service before retirement I do know the system). This is understandable but should not rest solely on this recommendation. How can one elected member serve the proposed area of 380,000 sq Km with a right of access to all voters, it is a physical impossibility The elected member would need to spend some time with family as well as attend parliament sessions This would mean that there would be very little chance of face to face meeting with constituents more than once in a blue moon. The only way to get over such large distances would be by charter aircraft and this would cost the taxpayer plenty. One of the reasons given for the change is the projected down turn in the population of Gwydir, where did this come from as if you look at it there is massive development in the coal and gas industries and the biofuel industry is set to take off. Transport and the tourist industry is increasing at an expanding rate. Granted, school enrolments are dropping but this is because of changes in that families are getting smaller and this is a country wide trend. It also does not mean that the working population will also drop. I would hope that a thorough on site investigation would be undertaken prior to any changes to these boundaries be put in place

yours faithfully


John Hardgrave