



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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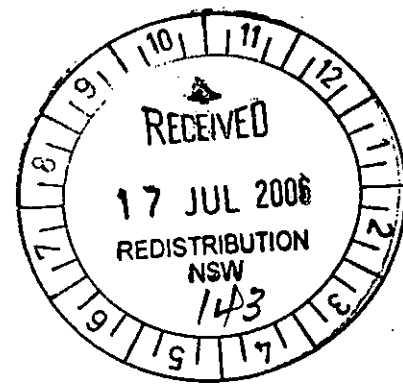
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Attention: The Chairman
Redistribution Committee for NSW
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Dear Chairman

It is with great alarm that I have become aware of the proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries in NSW, particularly as it relates to the creation of the super-sized Parkes electorate. By any measure this has to be a prime example of bureaucratic stupidity being turned into an art form.

Whilst your committee may derive some smug satisfaction from having kept completely within the systemic parameters in determining the defined numerical distribution of electors, common (uncommon?) sense has been totally disregarded.

You seem to be so remote from reality that you fail to comprehend the unworkability for the elected member and the disenfranchisement of electors should this crazy proposal proceed. If I was an elector unfortunate enough to reside in a distant corner of that proposed Parkes electorate I would be thinking that I may as well be in a foreign country because the double whammy of inaccessibility to my local member and the devaluation of my voting power would combine to almost totally exclude me from any significant participation in the political process. In Australia, this would equate to an abuse of human rights, with your committee as the prime perpetrator.

Please take a deep breath, relax for a moment, then reconsider and try to understand the effect your decisions have on ordinary citizens. I do understand that you have an obligation to serve "the system", but you have an even greater obligation to ensure that every Australian, regardless of their individual political persuasion or where they live, has fair access to the political process. This is a right which must never be diminished for the sake of bureaucratic expediency.

Somewhat disillusion but forever hopeful, I am

Yours sincerely

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