



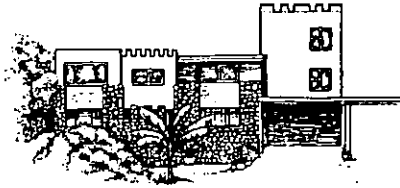
The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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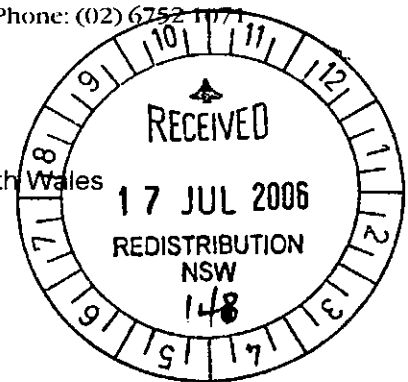


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Dear Sirs

Re Proposed NSW Federal Electoral Redistribution

We are voters in the electorate of Gwydir, and we strongly object to the redistribution proposal to merge huge areas of Gwydir and Parkes electoral districts.

One person at present represents 185,604 sq kms and that is a very large area of NSW, but the proposal to make it part of a 380,000 sq km area to be represented by one person is just not feasible. One person cannot reasonably serve such a large area, and the distances between the whole area suggested is too much for any one person to manage properly.

Surely it would be better to split up some Sydney electorates and merge them to make one seat less for NSW in the Federal Parliament. To have one electorate covering 47% of NSW represented by one person and the remaining 48 electorates covering 53% is surely unfair representation.

The numbers of people residing in the country areas of NSW have declined for several reasons, such as the prolonged periods of drought suffered in 1990's and at present, but climatic changes for the better will create

more employment. Lack of services such as medical, dental, hospitals, education and travel, especially the poor availability of Public Transport are also other reasons for the drift from the Western areas to the coastal and city areas. We who live near a country town of a reasonable size such as Moree are badly affected, and it is even worse for the people who live further away from rural centres, such as farmers, graziers, business people and their employees in the far west of this state.

We hope that more consideration will be given to making a fairer redistribution of the electoral boundaries in country areas.

Yours faithfully

Garth Robertson

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