



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**

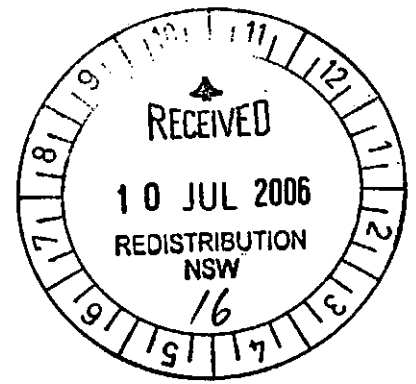


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Dear Committee,

As a constituent of the Federal seat of Gwydir I am absolutely appalled by the recommendation by your committee to abolish the federal seat of Gwydir & for the most part, amalgamate it with the seat of Parkes. Just to remind you that Gwydir is an original seat since federation in 1901 & in that time we have only had 10 different members (one twice) and during my life of over 50 years only 3 members :-

Ian Allan 1953 – 69
Ralph Hunt 1969 – 89
John Anderson 1989

I fully appreciate that the number of enrolments in Gwydir have dropped in recent years to about 82-83,000 as a result of drought & industry closures (speaking from a Gunnedah point of view). However the drought can not go on forever and we are seeing big developments in the coal industry in the southern areas of Gwydir currently.

As a result I am sure the enrolments, particularly in the Gunnedah area will be on the increase from now on with something like 50 to 100 new houses planned just in Gunnedah itself.

I believe it would be a backwood step in abolishing the federal seat of Gwydir & amalgamate it with Parkes to make a super regional seat with anywhere up to 160,000 enrolments – WHO COULD POSSIBLY LOOK AFTER & DO JUSTICE TO SUCH A SEAT ?

One of the biggest problems with Gwydir is that it does not have a regional centre in it's electorate,(where most of the rural expansion is happening) like a Dubbo or a Tamworth.

I myself am directly involved with the rural industry and work for a hybrid seed company with an office based here in Gunnedah. From time to time I drop in and see our local member John Anderson on various issues but if you amalgamate Gwydir and Parkes, there is no way I will travel to Parkes or Dubbo to see my local member some 3-4 hours away.

Unfortunately most city based people whether they be politicians or other, can not see past the Blue Mountains or in Queensland's case, the south east of Q.L.D. May be the committee should be looking further ahead where all the expansion is (along the east coast) and start preparing to cut back on seats like Page, Cowper & Richmond for example and put some of the eastern falls country into more western

seats like New England and as a result move Gwydir's eastern boundary further east to may be take in Tamworth.

Finally if you proceed with your proposals, the member of the new super electorate will only be a name to most people of the electorate not **OUR LOCAL MEMBER AS IT IS CURRENTLY.**

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob McCarron', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rob McCarron.