



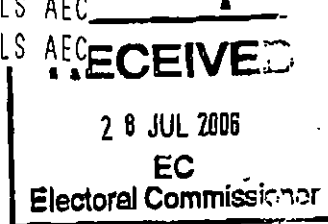
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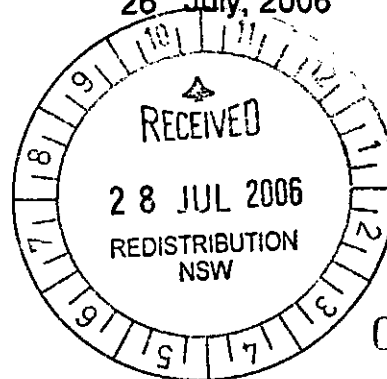
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Australian Electoral Commission
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Dear Sir

We write to express our concern that one member of Parliament should be expected to represent the huge area of the Parkes and Gwydir electorates combined!

Our electorate of Parkes is already large and quite diverse. To abolish a rural seat like this effectively means that the people of rural Australia have less than a fair voice in the Parliament. The concept of 'one vote one person' is very fair to everyone. However, area and distance should also be taken into account. We really need to have the two voices from this region as there is such a diversity of interests and occupations in both rural and commercial industries. The region is already disadvantaged in respect to efficient communication, good roads and local amenities. To restrict the whole region [47% of state of NSW] to only one representative seems grossly unreasonable.

We ask that consideration be given to reversing this proposal and that the seats of both Gwydir and Parkes remain. It is impossible for any one person to provide fair and equitable representation in our Australian Parliament if it will be necessary to cover such a huge area.

Yours faithfully

Stan Hawes Mary Hawes

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