



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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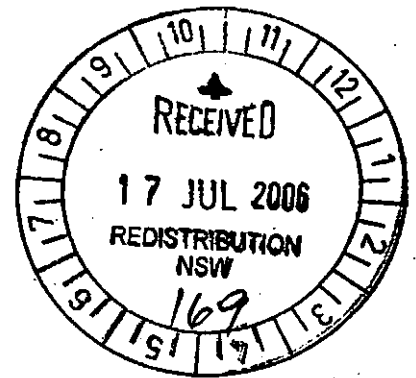
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88 Laidlaw Street  
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Redistribution Committee for NSW  
PO Box 20014  
World Square NSW 2002



Dear Sir/Madam,

I was dismayed to read about your proposed changes to the seat of Gwydir in north west New South Wales. I was extremely concerned to hear that you are planning to abolish the seat and absorb it into a new 'mega-seat' called 'Parkes'. This new seat is ridiculously large and impractical for proper representation of the people of north west New South Wales. Not only are the distances required to travel to all the communities of this seat extreme, the roads are often in poor condition as well. It would be impossible for a single member to stay in touch with this vast electorate.

I also believe these proposed boundary changes are extremely damaging to the health of our democracy here in Australia. As a community leader I have heard from many people in my town and district the sheer anger caused by these proposed changes. They already feel they have a small voice in politics without it being reduced still further. I am concerned that large swathes of the countryside will give up on democracy. As the bush exports its young people to the city, they will take this anger with them. We run the risk of creating a long-term hostility to democracy amongst a significant sub-section of Australian society.

For these reasons, I urge you to reconsider your plans to abolish the seat of Gwydir. If you have any questions about this matter do not hesitate to contact me via the address above.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Davey", written over a horizontal line.

Reverend Paul Davey