



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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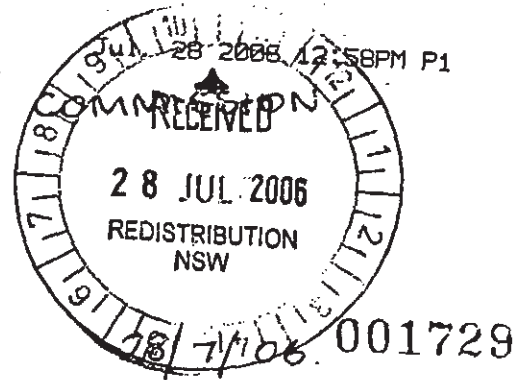
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AX: To: THE AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL  
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FROM: Mrs. Carmel Hanrahan

RE: REDISTRIBUTION OF ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

I express strong disapproval of proposed redistribution of the electoral boundaries of my electorate of Calare.

At present we are extremely well represented by elected member. Mr. Peter Andren. I admit I have suspicion this may be the reason his electorate will be cut in half!! However the situation with the seat of Gwydir is also of equal concern to country voters.

People in these areas are frustrated at the manner in which their needs are ignored, while the more highly populated areas are favoured by political parties.

With vast distances to cover in the proposed change: elected representatives, will be unable to effectively meet the needs of their constituents. As a volunteer community speaker for the Western Region Cancer Council, I am no stranger to the tyranny of distance in this area. Having no public transport system and a telecommunication system that at times is unreliable and in some areas non-existent, makes it difficult for effective contact between parties. Contrast this with services in the city - which in most cases involves a half hour drive, or broad band five minute access.

As a taxpayer I feel I am entitled to the same representation and resources that city dwellers are experiencing.

I strongly urge those thinking of carving up electorates in the country areas to be aware of the groundswell of anger that is building in the bush. It would be wise to reconsider this proposal.

Mrs. Carmel Hanrahan  
28/7/06