



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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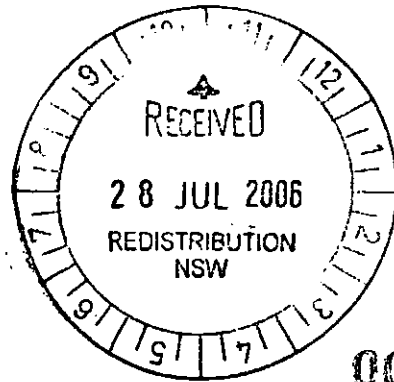
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This objection includes a petition signed by 7290 people. The petition can be viewed at the office of the NSW Redistribution Secretariat, Level 4, Roden Cutler House, 24-28 Campbell St, Sydney.

OBJECTION TO THE AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Tangaloo
Tambar Springs
2381
N.S.W.
26.7.06

Redistribution Committee for N.S.W.
P.O. Box 20014
World Square
N.S.W. 2002



Dear Commissioners

Presented to you today are the petitions signed by the many concerned citizens of the Electorate of Gwydir. In the very short time that we have had to mount a campaign for objections, we have collected the signatures of many of the voters, in the Gwydir electorate. The feeling of disappointment and discrimination against a Federation rural seat is over whelming.

The disadvantage of living in the electorate of Gwydir is one of distance. It affects the delivery of health services, education, transport, communication, and the accessibility to all the government services. This is going to be further exacerbated with the loss of the local Federal Member of Parliament.

Please accept on behalf of the voters of Gwydir their objections to your redistribution, and reconsider the abolition of Gwydir.

Yours faithfully

Ruth Strang
Save Gwydir Campaign Co-ordinator.

Petition opposing the Abolition of the Federal seat of Gwydir

We, the undersigned, wish to record our strong opposition to the AEC redistribution proposal that would abolish the federal seat of Gwydir. We do so for the following reasons :

1. At 47% of the total area of NSW, the proposed new seat would be too big to allow a Member to equitably and fairly service his or her constituents, and/or serve in a Ministerial position.
2. The loss of Gwydir, a Federation seat, would reduce the number of country representatives in the Federal Parliament, thereby diminishing the political voice of regional Australians.

Full Name	Address	Signature
1. SARAH TOWNSEND	12 TIMOR ROAD, COONABARABRAW	[Signature]
2. DOREEN SEARLE	"KENNINGTON" "	[Signature]
3. NOELINE ARMSTRONG	5 Day St. Coonabarabran	N.M. Armstrong
4. DIANE SUTTON	Purlewaugh Rd. C'bran	[Signature]
5. Tommy Bailon	6 ulamambri st C'bran	T. Bailon
6. Hazel Neil	COINRA 1/1 LACE	H. Neil
7. Willie Graham	34 Knight St C'bran	[Signature]
8. Maree Nevenish	"The Block" C'bran	[Signature]
9. Keli McDonald	BLAIR ATHOL Godhi	Keli McDonald
10. Mervlyn Nevell	Baradine Rd C'bran	M. Nevell
11. SHIRLEY NEVELL	Baradine Rd C'bran	S. J. Nevell
12. JACQUI CLIFTON	Keronda C'bran	[Signature]
13. BRIAN R. BRAIN	70 KING ST C'BRAN	Brian R. Brain
14. LIZ Webster	Nekeema BWAY 2395	[Signature]
15. HAZEL POPE	411 RESERVOIR STEET COONABARABRAW	H. Pope
16. M. Brady	Minama Newell Hwy Coonabarabran	[Signature]
17. K. Stevens	Dandra rd Coonabarabran	[Signature]
18. KATE HADFIELD	3 EDWARD ST Coonabarabran	Kate Hadfield
19. JUDY OVER	71 OXLEY HWAY COONABARABRAW	J. Over
20. IRENE BASSETT	Caruba Coonabarabran	Irene Bassett
21. Carole Partridge	lot 4 Bingie Gumble Rd. Coonabarabran	C. Partridge
22. JOE Mc BEATH	60 Campst Coonabarabran	[Signature]
23. JUNE McWHARTER	Lot 3 Oxley H'way C'BRAN	J. McWharter
24. Julie Morrissett	PO Box 152 C'bran.	[Signature]
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Authorised by R Strang, 'Tangaloo', Strang Road, Tambar Springs NSW 2381

This petition will be presented as a submission to the Australian Electoral Commission (Redistribution Committee for NSW, PO Box 20014, World Square NSW 2002), as part of the process to determine final boundaries for the redistribution of Federal electorates in NSW

Please return to the 'Save Gwydir Campaign', C/o The Nationals

Gunnedah, PO Box 981, Gunnedah 2380, by 27 July 2006