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NEW SOUTH WALES



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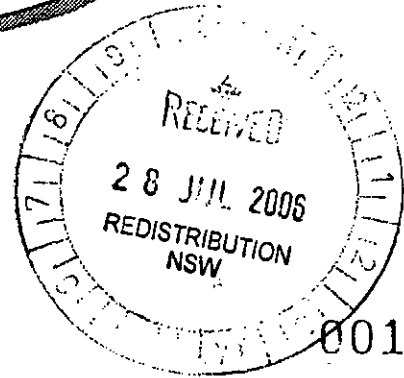
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This objection includes two pamphlets. The two pamphlets can be viewed at the office of the NSW Redistribution Secretariat, Level 4, Roden Cutler House, 24-28 Campbell St, Sydney.

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Dear Sirs/Madam

The Coolah District Development Group is a community group continually striving to move our community forward. We have been in severe drought and have just had our Exceptional Circumstances period extended to January.

During periods of rural downturn such has been and is being endured at the moment, there is a danger of the fabric of communities breaking down as people are forced to move away for employment opportunities. The flow on effect is felt in the schools, local stores and service industries.

It is extremely important that we can have a personal relationship with our local Members of Parliament - Federal and State - in order to relay to Government just what is happening on the ground. The media is very efficient in reporting a major catastrophe in any place in the world - earthquake, plane crash or tsunami, yet the insidious nature of drought is that it creeps up and is not newsworthy.

The member for Gwydir, the Honourable Mr John Anderson is always extremely generous with his time for his constituents and has a profound knowledge of the needs of each community in his electorate. In this way, we have always felt that we are first class citizens of the Commonwealth of Australia with equal rights with every other Australian.

If we are to be lumped as "those over there in the other 47% of NSW" it is as if we are going back to Governor Darling's proclamation of 14th October 1829 when he issued a Government Order defining the 'limits of location' or 'the boundaries beyond which land was neither to be sold nor settlers allowed'. The saying **beyond the Black Stump** was coined from this and the original Black Stump is 10 km north of Coolah.

The community of Coolah will continue to set new goals for our future and will always need to work with government in order to achieve this. Access to a local representative of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia is imperative for this to happen.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. Goddard".

Simon Goddard
For Coolah District Development Group.