

The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES

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Redistribution Committee for NSW PO Box 20014 World Square NSW 2002

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Dear Commissioners



I am writing to voice my objection and express my disappointment over the recently proposed federal electoral redistribution of New South Wales.

As a constituent living in the electorate of Gwydir, I feel very strongly that the decision to abolish the seat will be detrimental to those of us living in this part of Australia. To have one person representing an area that two used to will significantly reduce the representation of country New South Wales in the Federal Parliament.

It is imperative that we do all we can to encourage growth and productivity in country areas. The best way to do this is to have a local member who understands the needs of the constituents and the local communities that they represent. Country people need to have a representative who can fight for their best interests in the Federal Parliament, if the 'bush' has any chance of surviving.

Country people have a right to fair representation – please do not take this away from us.

With all the sincerity that I can muster, I ask you to please reconsider the proposal to abolish the seat of Gwydir.

Sincerely

ARAH IOHNSTON