



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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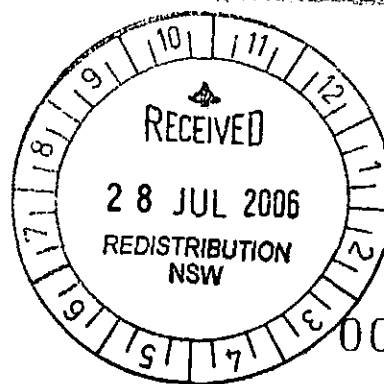
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Redistribution Committee for NSW  
PO Box 20014  
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Dear Committee Members

I write to strongly oppose the AEC's plan to abolish the Federal seat of Gwydir as part of the latest redistribution of NSW Federal electorates.

Although I realise that NSW must lose a seat to Queensland because of population changes, I really feel that there is no need at all to create this mega seat in NSW. The seat will be so big it will make it very hard for any Member to be readily available for constituents.

It will also make it extremely hard for a Member to be at a senior level in the government, where they can really give a powerful voice to rural concerns, and still look after the electorate. One member will be covering an area that two used to, reducing the "say" that the bush has, which seems unfair.

It also seems unfair that 47% of NSW will have just one political representative, whilst the remaining 53% of the state will have 48 representatives.

I have lived all my life in this area, and really believe that to abolish the seat of Gwydir would be a great injustice for those of us who choose to live in this wonderful part of Australia.

I trust you will give this strong objection your every consideration.

Yours sincerely

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