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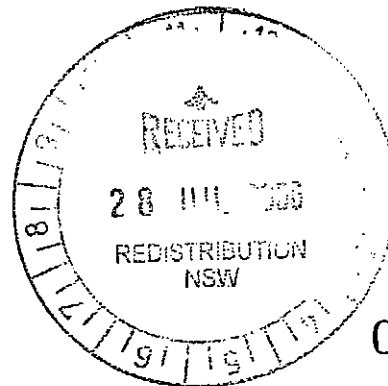
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Please find attached a letter from the President of the Isolated Children's Parent's Association of NSW Inc (ICPA-NSW) concerning the new boundaries for the seat of Parkes.

Thank you  
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To Whom it may Concern

**Re: Abolition of Gwydir**

The Isolated Children's Parents' Association of NSW (ICPA-NSW) would like to object to the abolition of the seat of Gwydir in the proposed redistribution of Federal Electoral boundaries in NSW.

ICPA-NSW has over 1000 member families and our organisation seeks to achieve equality of access to educational opportunities for geographically isolated students, living in rural and remote areas of NSW. Many of our members live in the proposed super seat of Parkes. Although they all live in rural NSW, their issues are very different. Among the issues that concern our members are the provision of distance education, special education, tertiary education, travel, communications, and boarding and agricultural high schools. However, each of the problems or concerns of our members varies across the proposed super seat.

ICPA-NSW does not believe that it would be possible for one person to adequately service the needs of an electorate that covers 48% of NSW. In addition, any representative would be unable to take a ministerial position, because of the time constraints placed on them by the size of the electorate.

This proposal will lead to our members losing faith in our democratic institutions. It is a straight loss of representation for rural and remote NSW. As for the concept of "community of interest", the only similarities between Parkes and Moree are that they are outside Sydney.

ICPA-NSW urges the Electoral Commission to reconsider this proposal and maintain the two electorates of Parkes and Gwydir.

Yours faithfully

Sue Gordon  
President ICPA-NSW

