



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Dear Committee

I am writing to express my objections to the proposed electorate redistribution for New South Wales.

As a young Australian planning a future in the Agriculture Industry with my family, the proposed abolishment of the purely rural electorate of Gwydir, is of great concern to me. This bush seat allows the Member to focus solely on those issues affecting country areas.

It is uncertain why the abolishment of the already large electorate would even be considered. The time constraints involved with covering this proposed new electorate will make it impossible for one Member of Parliament to give fair and equitable representation to his or her constituents.

Whilst there have been many improvements in services to rural and regional Australia, there is still a long way to go. Without effective political representation fighting for the specific needs of the bush, country areas will always suffer.

The proposal will require one member to cover 48% of New South Wales whilst there will be 48 members to cover the remaining 52% of the State. How is that fair!

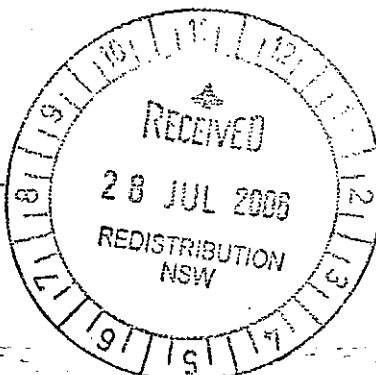
A more sensible redistribution would include changes to one of the Sydney seats that currently provide city residents with yet another service that people in country areas will not have – political representation!

Rural and regional people choose the challenging lifestyle of living in country areas and the face the constant struggle involved in producing food and fibres for the entire country. There are already enough reasons for people to walk away from rural Australia, don't make the lack of voice in Parliament another one.

I urge you to reconsider this ridiculous proposal and give rural and regional Australia a fair go.

Yours sincerely

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