



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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**Name: National Party of Australia  
Warren Branch**

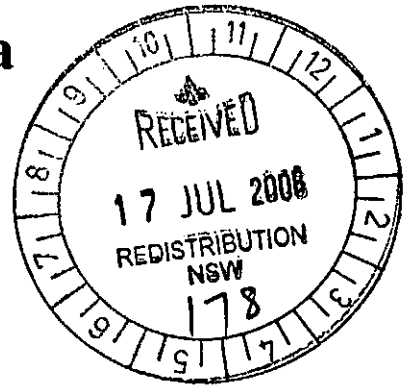
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## National Party of Australia Warren Branch

13<sup>th</sup> July 2006

The Australian Electoral Commission  
Redistribution Secretariat  
PO Box 20014  
WORLD SQUARE NSW 2002



Dear Sir

### **ABOLITION OF GWYDIR ELECTORATE**

On behalf of the people of Warren and district, whatever their political affiliations may be, we wish to register a protest against the proposal to merge the electorate of Gwydir with the electorate of Parkes.

The abolition of the Gwydir electorate will take away fundamental democratic rights of voters in 47% of the state of New South Wales. This statement can be justified for the following reasons:

- (a) The Member of Parliament representing 380,000 square kilometres will be unable to properly represent his electorate.
- (b) Individual voters, because of the distances involved will be prejudiced through their inability to have face to face contact with their local Member of Parliament.
- (c) The Member of Parliament who is unfortunate enough to have to represent this huge area would be unable to consider taking on any higher office such as a Ministry. The people whom he represents would be then further disadvantaged through not having a senior Member of Parliament as their electorate representative.
- (d) The lack of voice of voters from 47% of New South Wales will lead to unbalanced national development.
- (e) The proposed boundaries include areas with little or no traditional community of interest. Communities of interest have traditionally developed down river valleys and along other transport corridors. Under these proposals one Member of Parliament is being asked to maintain community contact with communities as widespread as from near Broken Hill to the northern tablelands and from the Riverina to the Queensland border. All those communities cannot be properly represented under such a system.
- (f) The proposal creates one electorate where there were formerly two. This is unfair where the requirement for New South Wales to lose one electorate could be effected by a redistribution in the metropolitan area with no loss of representation for voters.

We call upon your Commission to reconsider this proposal which is unfair to the voters of almost half the area of New South Wales, unjust on general equitable principals and unnecessary if considered in the wider context of possible electorate boundary changes in New South Wales.

Yours sincerely

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