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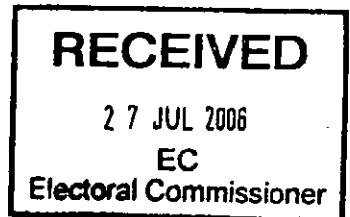
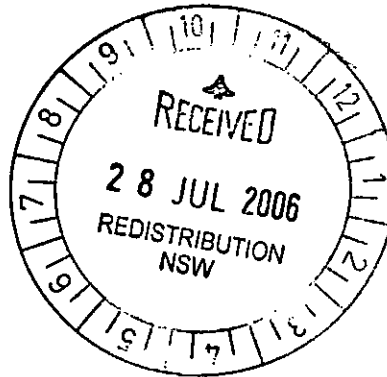
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Mr Campbell  
Australian Electoral Commissioner  
PO Box 6172  
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Dear Mr Campbell

This letter is the result of the information I have received and read concerning the proposed changes to the federal electoral boundaries of Parkes, Gwydir and Farrar.

I object to the abolition of the seat of Gwydir. Gwydir is only one of 23 seats under the population quota. I am sure other Sydney seat boundaries could be moved marginally. With most of the Gwydir seat being absorbed by the Parkes seat this results in a seat that is too large (covering 380,000 square kilometres) to be represented by one M.P.

Just imagine the extra costs incurred by travelling long distances, not to mention extra time in the week needed to do this. It is an outrage that the most disadvantaged will be the citizens of these communities because it will be impossible for an M.P to represent 47% of the state of NSW.

The current proposal of boundary changes is not in order. The proposal is splitting communities. For example the M.P of Farrar now would have to travel from Albury to Broken Hill. The M.P leaving from Albury flies to Sydney, then from Sydney to Dubbo, then Dubbo to Broken Hill. The proposed boundary between Parkes and Farrar is only four kilometres north of Broken Hill, splitting communities in the process.

This is not a democracy, its bureaucracy. Voters need regular contact with their M.P about roads, industries, telecommunications, water and health services etc.

These boundary changes reduce country representation in the Federal Parliament there by diminishing the political voice of regional Australians. We do not want that occurring, do we Mr Campbell?

I would like to encourage the people who make these unsubstantiated proposals to attempt to travel through the proposed new Parkes and Gwydir boundary area. Only then would these people understand our concerns of not servicing the citizens of these communities sufficiently.

I urge the AEC to listen to everybody's concerns regarding abolition of the Gwydir seat and the proposed new seat of Parkes which will be too big to allow a Member to equitably and fairly service his/her constituents and service in a ministerial position.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew Boneham". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Andrew Boneham