



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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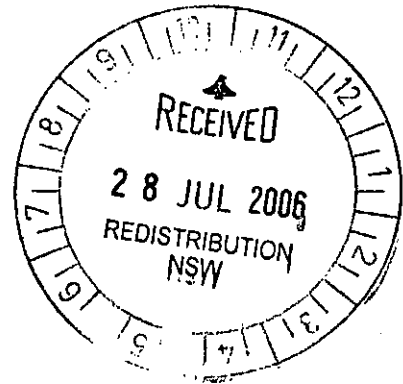
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Dear Commissioner

Subject: **PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION OF THE FEDERAL SEAT OF PARKES**

I wish to advise that Council at its meeting held on 27 July 2006 resolved to object most vigorously to the proposed redistribution of the Federal Seat of Parkes and the subsequent abolition of the Federal Seat of Gwydir.

Council's objection has nothing to do with politics but everything to do with the democratic process within Australia and the issue of fair representation for Australian voters.

The far west of NSW has been neglected for many years by both state and federal government and to establish a new seat that will cover approximately 47% of the state of NSW will, in Council's opinion, only add to the neglect in so far as the level of representation will be significantly diminished.

Far Western NSW caters to a wide range of industries and organisations and numerous local government areas all of which rely on the federal member to be an active participant in local government and community affairs. The new seat of Parkes will not allow this to happen.

Accordingly, Council urges the Australian Electoral Commission to review its decision to abolish the seat of Gwydir and to expand the seat of Parkes.

Yours faithfully

Ray Smith
GENERAL MANAGER