



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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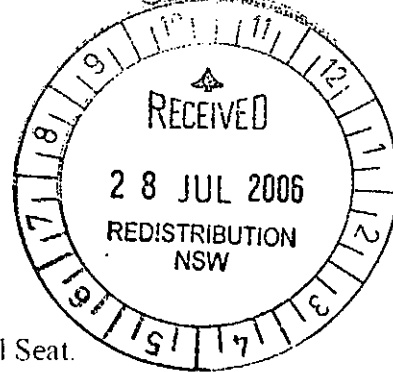
# Country Women's Association of N.S.W.

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Redistribution Committee for NSW.  
Australian Electoral Commission (NSW)  
PO Box 20014  
World Square, NSW 2002



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Dear Sirs / Mesdames,

Re: Redistribution of Parkes Federal Electoral Seat.

The members of our organization strongly object to the proposed redistribution of our Federal electoral seat.

It makes no sense to abolish the seat of Gwydir and increase the size of the Parkes seat. We do not have the opportunity to present unexpected problems which arise as easily as those who have closer access to their member. Our Federal member, Mr John Cobb, requires 2 offices now (Broken Hill and Dubbo) to cover the vast distances of the electorate already. To increase the size of the seat would mean added expense to the federal member or his constituents when interviews are needed or problems arise. We are sure Mr Cobb's time is valuable and a near impossibility to cover the area which would become 47% of the state. By creating such a huge electorate, the voice of country people in Federal Parliament is further reduced.

There would be less disruption if 1 metropolitan seat was absorbed into surrounding seats. Even 1 metropolitan seat does not cover a quarter the geographical size of the extremely large seat of Parkes.

We request that Gwydir and Parkes be left as is and absorb 1 metropolitan seat into surrounding seats. Why should it be a country seat that is taken away?

Yours sincerely,

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