



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



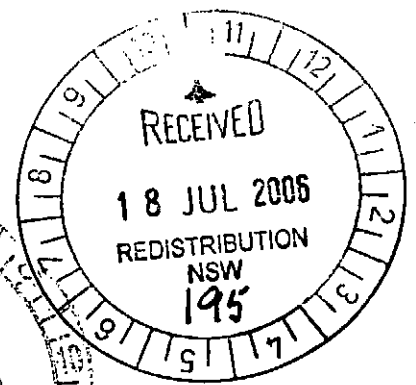
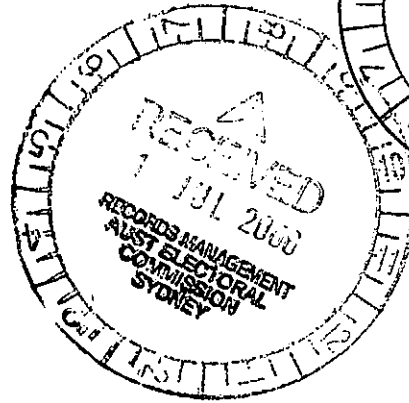
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Dear Sir,

First and foremost I am small business owner directly involved in the agricultural industry throughout the Gwydir Valley region of North Western NSW.

I wish to lodge my objection to the ridiculous proposed changes to the electoral boundaries to the seat of Gwydir.

It is quite obvious that the incorporation of the Gwydir and Parkes electoral seats creates an extremely large and, almost unworkable area for the Member of Parliament elected to represent these people. Due to the social, economic and regional divisions within the proposed boundaries, which I think, would hinder fair representation.

The current seat of Gwydir is primarily a broadacre farming, irrigation and grazing based economy, these industries are intensive which support a network of successful retail and manufacturing businesses. Coal mining is planned to take place around the Gunnedah region, which will cause a rise in the population. There have also been preliminary meetings held in both Moree, and Gunnedah with reference to Bio-Diesel /Ethanol production which would require a substantial workforce.

Sporting competitions, area health services, schools, rail and road links to major towns such as Moree, Narrabri, Gunnedah, and Coonamble unites the community of Gwydir.

The current electorate of Parkes is another very large area in itself, and it supports a farming and grazing industry it also has a successful copper mining industry with specific needs. The focus of the Parkes electorate is towns such as Dubbo, Parkes, Forbes, and Cowra. To the west is Broken Hill whose population identify Adelaide as their major city, a vastly different socio-economic environment to that of Moree, Narrabri, or Gunnedah.

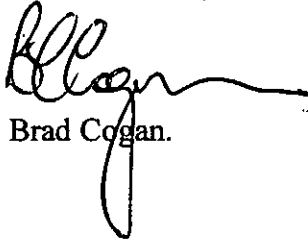
I believe you are proposing a non-homogenous electorate. One with very differing focus points, little social interaction and a feeling of having nothing in common with the current constituents of the seat of Parkes in terms of common service points and identity. It is quite possible that these constituents would feel disenfranchised from their Member should he or she originate from an area such as Moree which would be a eight or nine hour drive away from where they live.



The overwhelming size of the proposed area, the Member would need to service, is exceedingly large, requiring long periods of travel and perhaps a need to deal with conflicting needs within the electorate. The workload would be enormous and fair representation made very difficult. Why choose such a diverse, and physically large electorate when other feasible options are available?

I strongly urge you to reconsider the redistribution and perhaps if you have not had the opportunity to do so, take a drive around the proposed electorate and see for yourself the inevitable problems that will arise should this matter proceed.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Cogan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brad Cogan.