



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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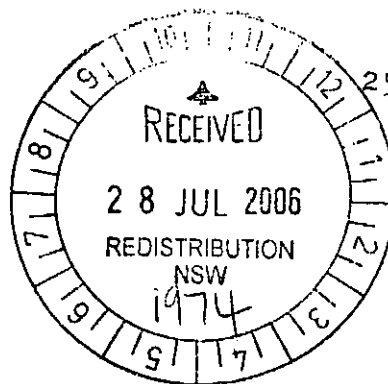
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The Chairman,
Redistribution Committee for NSW,
PO Box 20014,
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Dear Sir,

Our Members wish to record their objection to the proposed abolition of the seat of Gwydir in the redistribution of seats in New South Wales.


It concerns our Members that at a time when people of Western New South Wales are struggling to cope with change and need greater access to government representation they are in fact being offered less.

The vast western area which would make up the proposed seat of Parkes has far greater problems than any other part of the State. Those who live in the area have not enjoyed the benefits of the commodities boom of the past few years and which have flowed through to other parts of our country. Deep seated problems such as the drp in value of primary production and the drift of population to areas offering greater opportunities are but two of the factors to be addressed. To fully understand how serious the problems are in the area there is a need for an elected representative to have more face to face contact with the electorate.

It is unrealistic to expect one elected representative to properly service an area as large as the proposed seat of Parkes. Western area people should be entitled to the same right of access to their elected representative as that available to people in the metropolitan area. This would not be possible if the proposed abolition of Gwydir proceeds.

Our Members sincerely hope that common sense prevails and the seat of Gwydir is retained.

Yours truly,


John Miller,
Honorary Secretary.