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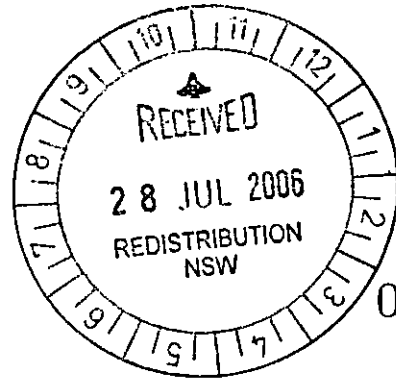
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Redistribution Committee for New South Wales  
Australian Electoral Commission  
PO Box 20014  
World Square, NSW 2002



Dear Commissioners,

Re: Objection to the Loss of a Federation Electorate In Western NSW

I write to express my concern at the proposed abolition of the Federal Seat of Gwydir and the devaluing of the vote of rural people living in western NSW.

I strongly believe that there are alternatives to abolishing Gwydir which would have much less impact on peoples lives. I understand that the major political parties all proposed that the electorate to be abolished should have been in the Sydney basin, where the tyranny of distance is a non issue.

I strongly believe that if you are not willing to consider retaining the current number of federal seats west of the Blue Mountains, then the only seat that can be abolished with minimal effect on everybody living in western NSW is seat of Calare.

Calare unlike Parkes and Gwydir is not a federation seat and is the smallest seat in western NSW. That way you don't create a mega-seat destroy common interest. If the option of abolishing an electorate in western NSW must be pursued, the obvious course is to include the city of Orange into the electorate of Gwydir and sharing the remainder of Calare amongst the neighbouring electorates to bring them up the required level in numbers.

I sincerely hope that you rethink your decision to abolish the Gwydir electorate and re-look at abolishing an electorate in the Sydney basin.

Yours sincerely,

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