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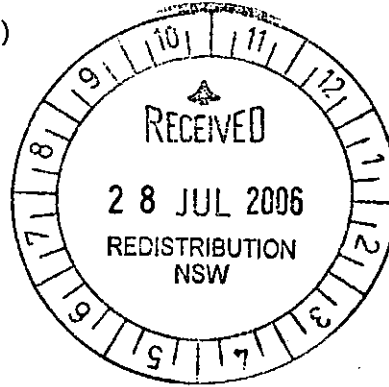
Australian Electoral Commission (NSW)

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Gwydir Electorate.

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On behalf of the members of the Condobolin Branch of The Nationals, I bring forth some of our concerns regarding the proposed abolition of the Gwydir electorate for your urgent consideration.

Realising there has been a continuing population decline in rural NSW for some years, gives cause to understand the thinking of the AEC, however, *given the prospect of sustainable economic growth from a more diverse and aware agriculture community and increased mining within the "Lachlan Fold" area in the Central West of NSW*, leaves one to believe it may be perhaps more reasonable to assume this proposal warrants greater community consultation and research!

It may also be worthy to recall the dramatic increase in population in the Cobar region after the Second World War that came about through mining and diversity!

That we have already seen a decline in the voice of country people and given the Geographic's, the uniqueness, diversity and changing economics in the Parkes and Gwydir electorates, more consideration should be given to encouraging a more pronounced rural voice, not reducing it!

Broadening our current member's electorate by abolishing Gwydir would be detrimental to the people of rural and regional NSW at a time when greater cohesion is required to encourage that community spirit that will allow a smooth transition for the many people that may be seeking an alternative to their current or past situation.

Therefore, we strongly oppose any change to either Parkes or Gwydir electorates and are quite prepared to have a delegation meet with the Minister to further discuss our concerns.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dave Carter', written over a horizontal line.

Dave Carter

Chairman

The Nationals,

Condobolin Branch