



**The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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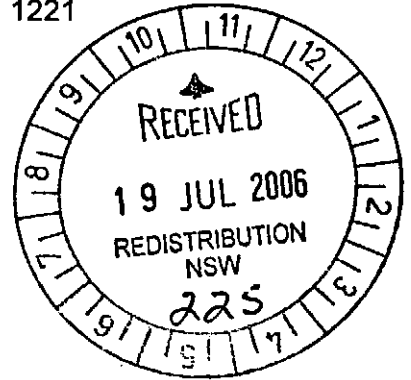
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Dear Committee Members,

We are writing to convey our concerns over the Australian Electoral Commission's draft redistribution of boundaries for NSW. **We are strongly opposed to the proposal to abolish the seat of Gwydir by merging the electorate into the seat of Parkes.**

The new electorate that would be created by such a proposal would cover an area of almost half of NSW making it very difficult for one member to travel the distance required to fairly represent their constituents.

In this newly proposed seat of Parkes, residents too would have to drive for hours to see their MP, whereas in Sydney, people are often only minutes from their MP's office. Wouldn't it seem fairer to abolish a Sydney Electorate?

Rural and regional communities are already fighting for better services in the bush. To lose another rural seat in the Australian Parliament would further reduce the voice of country people.

As residents of regional NSW, we strongly urge you to reconsider your move to abolish the seat of Gwydir.

Yours sincerely,

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