



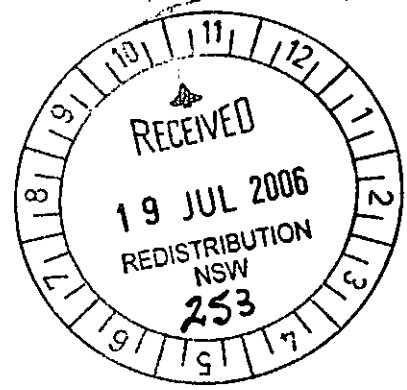
The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Redistribution Committee for NSW
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Dear Committee Member

I wish to protest most strongly regarding the merger of the Gwydir and Parks Federal Electorates.

If NSW has to loose a Federal Electorate it should be a city electorate such as Blaxland which would have little impact on the constituents.

To expect a Federal Member to service a seat of 379,474 square kilometers or 47% of the state of NSW is virtually impossible and if he should hold a Ministerial portfolio it would be impossible.

By the creation of such a huge electorate it will be difficult for the communities to make representation to the member without huge cost. For a person without a car, public transport is not available unless that person travels to Sydney and then to the town where the federal member has his office.

Some of the towns in the area are experiencing growth. For example Gunnedah/Werris Creek coal mines will have some 500 miners working and for every mine worker comes four extra jobs with associated industries coming to the area as part of the mining industry.

It seems that the Committee has no understanding of regional NSW and the Gwydir Electorate and I do wonder if they have ever been in the region or traveled the vast distances.

I earnestly request the Committee reconsider the removal of the Gwydir Electorate. Scrap the whole redistribution and start again to obtain a fair representation for the people of this area.

Yours faithfully

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