



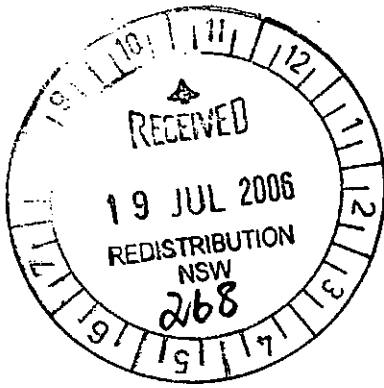
The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Electoral Redistribution Committee for New South Wales
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Re: Proposed federal electoral redistribution

Abolition of the seat of Gwydir

I wish to object strongly to the proposed redistribution of federal electoral boundaries which will result in the abolition of the federal seat of Gwydir and the absorption of the larger part of Gwydir into the division of Parkes.

I understand that the requirements of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* take into account numbers of people and that no practical and sensible consideration is given to geographic areas.

I also understand that the current Division of Gwydir is not the only New South Wales division under the population quota.

I have been a country-based voter and constituent for over forty years and I know the difficulties country-based Members of Parliament have to contend with in order to access their electorate and constituents. The creation of an electoral division which encompasses almost 50% of the State of New South Wales will significantly increase these difficulties, exacerbate the problems faced by country people and discriminate against us.

The must be a better way.

Please don't do this to us.

Yours sincerely

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