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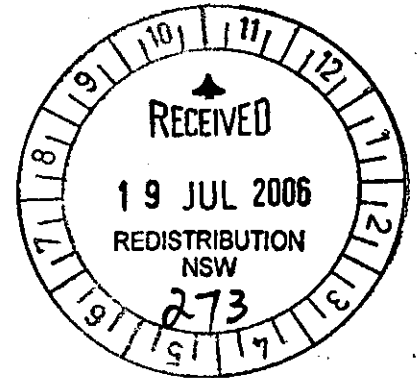
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Dear Members

Re: Proposed Abolition Of The Seat Of Gwydir

I wish to voice my strongest protest against the above proposal and merging it with the seat of Parkes. How can the Member of Parliament be expected to service this enormous electorate, representing 47% of the state. It is totally illogical. Members have enough difficulty within electorates a fraction of this size. Having lived out in the Far West I am well aware of the imposts that distances and the decaying state of the roads have on travel and time taken in moving from one centre to another.

The fact that the size of electorates are based on population is fair enough in the majority of cases but in an instance like this sanity must prevail. If you need to reduce the number of electorates would it not be more sensible to make the adjustment in the Sydney area where size is almost immaterial.

This proposal also reeks of favouring the city vote over the country vote. Surely the country deserves reasonable representation in Parliament. It's tough enough now trying to get enough support for country programmes without exacerbating the situation by taking away a country seat. The voice of country people will be eroded more than ever. Is this fair?

I trust the committee will review the rationale behind their proposal and realize that population numbers are not everything and that size and a fair representation based on the percentage area of the state should taken into consideration. There has got to be a sensible compromise such that reality and practicality prevail.

Yours faithfully

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