



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**

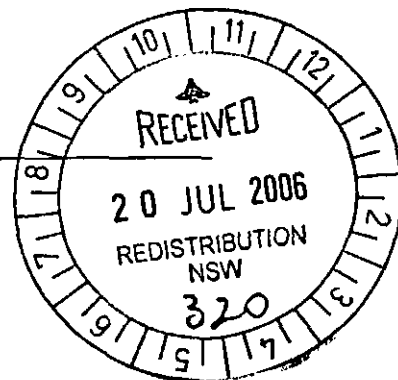


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Dear Commissioners

We are writing to object to the proposed Federal electoral redistribution of New South Wales, which will see the seat of Gwydir amalgamated with the seat of Parkes.

If the proposed changes go ahead, we feel that it will be detrimental to those of us living in the electorate. The sheer size of the area, a monstrous 47% of the state of New South Wales, will make it nearly impossible for our local member to adequately service his or her electorate.

It will also make it extremely difficult for our local member to be at a senior level in the government, where they can really give a powerful voice to rural concerns.

Our current local member, the Hon John Anderson, has been a fantastic example of what can be achieved when the electorate has a local MP with a country focus, working to get results for regional people, businesses and communities. We need to have a local member who understands our needs and concerns, and this will not be possible if the proposed changes go ahead.

We trust that you will give this objection your every consideration.

Yours sincerely

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