

## The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES

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Australian Electoral Officer for New South Wales Level 1, Roden Cutler House 24 Campbell Street HAYMARKET NSW 2000

RE: Proposed Redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries in New South Wales

Dear Sir/Madam

Council at its Extraordinary meeting on 12 July 2006 resolved that;

"A letter of objection be sent to the Federal Commission regarding the proposed redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries in New South Wales".

Council has concerns with the proposed electoral boundaries for a number of reasons, these include;

- 1. Redistribution proposes the abolition of the seat of Gwydir and merging it into the seat of Parkes.
- 2. This would mean the loss of a rural seat in the Australian Parliament, and the loss of a voice representing the rural community.
- 3. This would cover an extensive area including 379,474 square kilometres, 19 local government areas and 47% of the state.
- 4. For people in the city their local Member of Parliament is often only 10 minutes away, for the rural community the drive would be hours to see their local Member of Parliament.

These issues are of great concern to Council and the local community and hope they will be taken into consideration in the final decision making.

Yours Faithfully

Sunil Prakash
General Manager

THE BREWARRINA SHIRE IS SITUATED IN THE LIVING OUTBACK OF NEW SOUTH WALES WITHIN THE MURRAY DARLING BASIN, ON AUSTRALIA'S LONGEST RIVER SYSTEM.

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