



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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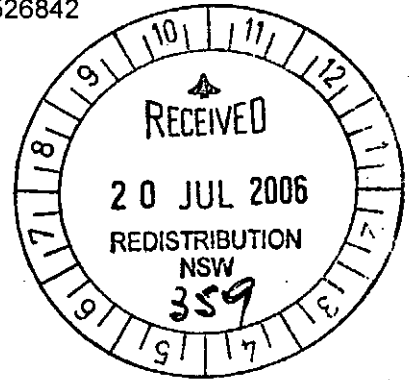
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Redistribution Committee for New South Wales  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to make a very strong objection to the rezoning of the Gwydir / Parkes electorate into a merged entity. The laws of distance and geographical diversity simply state that one Federal member simply cannot understand the issues of such an enormous electorate that the AEC is proposing. We understand the need to bring the amount of seats back from 50 to 49, in line with Queensland, but the merger of two small coastal seats or Sydney seats will have far less impact.

The AEC has chosen an area of roughly 40% of NSW. In such a vast area – there are so many conflicting lifestyles, industries, water and land usage issues, and infrastructure needs that one member simply won't be able to communicate with his constituents, and in turn properly fulfil his parliamentary obligations to the same level his electoral member peers enjoy.

The State Liberal and Labour parties have both lobbied against the proposed boundaries and the AEC should be taking note of this. The political parties both represent our interest, fundamental in a democratic society – not the leadership of the AEC.

We do not think that the AEC understands the distances involved here - and that we actually drive on dirt roads for hundred's of kilometers at a time to conduct business and not in twin engine aircraft like our eagle eyed AEC officers.

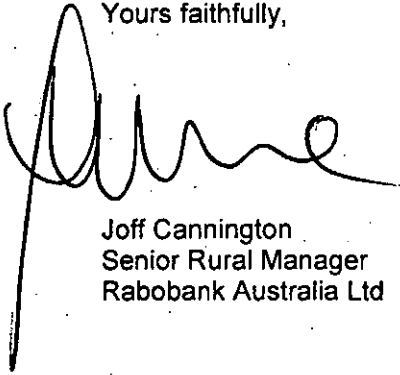
We therefore ask that you withdraw your recommendation of merging the two electorates immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss the matter further.

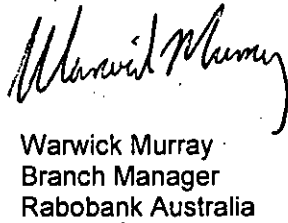
We would be happy to show you personally the challenges we face conducting business here in the NW of NSW which makes up about 35% of your proposed electorate area. It is changes such as these that drive professionally employed people out of rural communities back into metropolitan areas, leading to the demise of rural infrastructure in NSW.

Please note the opinions expressed in my letter are "our personal" opinions and do not represent that of Rabobank Australia Ltd.

Yours faithfully,



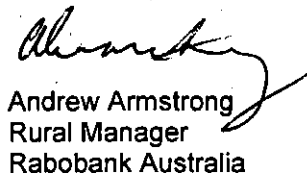
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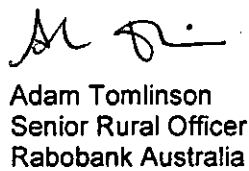
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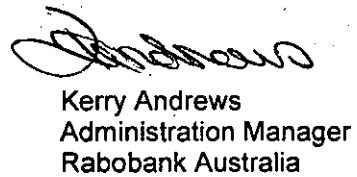
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