



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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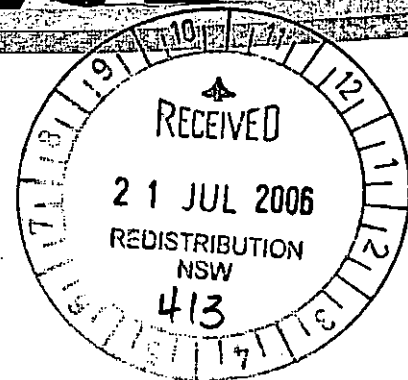
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Australian Electoral Commissioner
Redistribution Committee for New South Wales
PO Box 20014
World Square NSW 2002



Dear Commissioner,

I am writing in response to the proposed changes to the boundaries of Federal electorates in New South Wales announced on Friday 30 June 2006.

As the representative for the Federal electorate of Riverina I am advocating that Hay is retained in the Riverina. The loss of Hay from the Riverina electorate would have a major impact on the town because its community of interest is Griffith, not Albury or Broken Hill with which it is proposed to be aligned with in the electorate of Farrer.

The major centre for Hay residents to access most services including all health services is currently in Griffith and I would like to see this continue. Hay is in a remote area and it is very hard to get committed whole of government attitude and they currently have that, therefore I strongly believe it is in their best interest to be a part of the electorate of Riverina.

Hay has unique and particular characteristics that require a sense of stability. I believe it is very unfair to position Hay within an electorate that simply has no community of interests.

Whilst I enjoy representing Coleambally and this area is a very important part of the Riverina electorate, this town can have and does already have a community of interest in the Farrer electorate. I believe the large water inference in the Coleambally area can fit with communities in the Farrer electorate such as Jerilderie.

However, Hay is best served retained in the Riverina and I ask the commissioner to seriously look at re-establishing Hay in the Riverina electorate.

I urge the Australian Electoral Commission to seriously consider ways Hay could be retained within the Riverina.

Yours Sincerely,

Kay Hull, MP
Federal Member for Riverina

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