



The Federal Redistribution 2006
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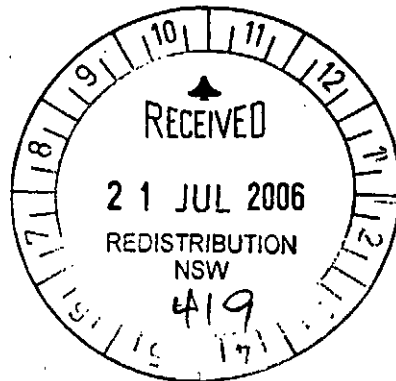
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Re-Distribution Committee for New South Wales

Australian Electoral Committee

P.O. Box 20014

World Square NSW 2002



Dear Committee Members

I write in reference to your draft report of proposed changes to the electoral boundaries within NSW, in particular the abolition of and incorporation of the seat of "Gwydir" into the electorate of "Parkes".

As a citizen of regional New South Wales I object to the proposed amalgamation on the following grounds:

- The proposed redistribution effectively disenfranchises regional areas of Australia*
- Estimated growth rates for Gwydir and Parkes do not have the lowest estimated growth rates*
- The proposed changes to the Parkes boundaries would create an electorate of almost half the geographic area of NSW, which in itself would reduce the effectiveness of any elected Member of Parliament to transverse let alone represent the Parkes electorate's citizens in an effective manner*
- The draft proposal ignores the legislative requirements of consideration of community interests and the size of the proposed electorate*
- Abolition of a Sydney seat would cause less disruption and be a much fairer way to reduce the number of electorates overall if a reduction is indeed warranted*

Yours sincerely

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