



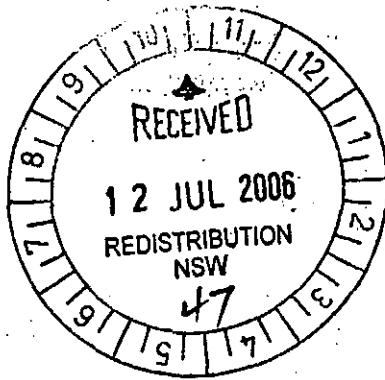
The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Electoral Redistribution Officer
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Dear Sir,

Proposes Abolition of Gwydir

I write to protest about the proposed abolition of Gwydir & concentration of 40% of NSW into the electorate of Parkes. This proposal defies common sense and will deny the electors of the new electorate of the constitutional rights of representation.

The AEC should be wary of the population projections of ABS and others as they have proved to be wrong in the case of rural towns and regions in the north west over the past decade. Certainly during the 90's and early part of this decade, rural populations were static or declining in this area. Work by CARE and others shows this to be no longer the case. With the Gunnedah coal basin about to develop significantly over the next 5 to 10 years and the associated infrastructure needed to support such development, I suggest the projections are likely to be pessimistic to say the least.

The north and western part of NSW is the heart of the cotton industry, the corridor for transport from Victoria & South Australia to Queensland and the source of a good deal of the water which flows through the Murray Darling system. I am sure the area's contribution to national prosperity is much more significant than a few square kilometers which constitutes a western suburbs electorate in Sydney.

Please give serious consideration to this decision - the area's constituency is hardly impressed with the current proposal which simply looks to be an "easy way out" solution. Failure to re-consider will reduce the integrity of the AEC process.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rob B. Hudson".

Robert B Hudson