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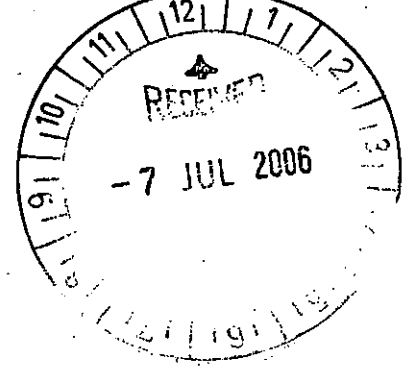
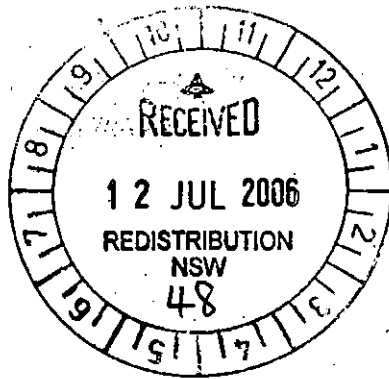
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5th July, 2006.
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Divisional Returning Officer
A.E.C. Gilmore.
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Re: Proposed redistribution of Commonwealth electoral boundaries.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We wish to lodge our strong objections to proposed electoral boundary changes. We live in North Kiama near the border of Minnamurra. We understand that if the proposed variations go ahead, with the boundary redrawn at Bombo, we will no longer be in the seat of Gilmore (held by Joanna Gash) but be represented in the seat of Throsby (held by Jenny George). The southern part of our town is to remain in the seat of Gilmore.

We base our objection on the following premises:

a) *Our absolute key point is:*

Whether we were in Throsby or Gilmore it utterly ridiculous to split a country town in half. It does not augur well for effective representation to have half of a country town in one federal seat and half in another. We are residents of Kiama and we believe our best interests are those of the community as a whole. We believe whoever drew up those boundaries has little concept of the unique affiliations and community spirit that allow communities such as ours to thrive. We acknowledge that boundaries do have to be drawn but this is not Sydney; this is a regional township with a singular identity and it deserves to be represented as such.

And we further believe:

- b) Potential representation in the seat of Gilmore, a seat which has potential change it's representative, best reflects the political / social values and economic aspirations of this community.
- c) Potential representation in the seat of Throsby offers no chance of community expectations being met / identified with / or even cared about. It is an impossibly safe one party seat with Jenny George merely an A.C.T.U appointed candidate. She does not, to the best of our knowledge, even live in that electorate.

Faithfully,

Paul Hutchinson / Chris Hutchinson.

