



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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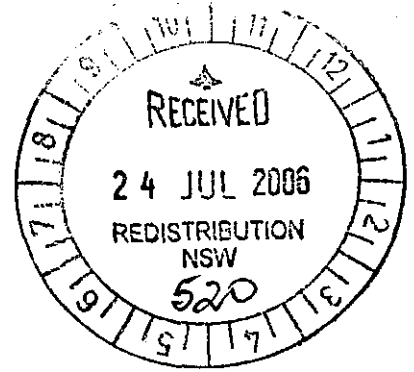
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19<sup>th</sup> July, 2006.

Redistribution Committee for New South Wales.  
Australian Electoral Commission [NSW],  
P.O.Box 20014,  
WORLD SQUARE. 2002.



Dear Sirs,

I wish to register a protest in relation to the proposed abolition of the seat of Gwydir and merge the electorate into the seat of Parkes.

The action in question would mean the loss of a rural seat in the Australian Parliament and the establishment of a mega seat covering 379,474 square kilometres and 47% of the state of New South Wales. The loss of a rural seat has implications not only for the residents of Gwydir and Parkes electorates, but rural and regional Australia as a whole, with the loss of a voice in our Parliament representing the rural community. One member of Parliament cannot possibly provide fair and equitable representation to the areas included in the proposed seat of Parkes.

It would appear that the legislative requirements for communities of interest and the size of electorates to be considered in the redistribution process have been ignored. In the most recent NSW electoral redistribution the Commissioners were mindful of the huge size of the Murray-Darling seat, and those Commissioners took the opportunity to reduce the size of that electorate. It is perplexing that in this current redistribution such a huge seat would unnecessarily be created.

In view of the foregoing, I would request that early action be taken to reverse the decision in regard to this matter and proceed with the elimination of an electorate in the Sydney area where it is much easier to access the local member.

Yours faithfully,

[E. H. Scherf.]