



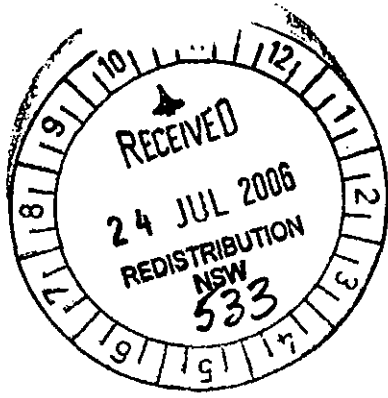
The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Redistribution Committee for N.S.W.,
P.O. Box 20014,
World Square,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE. PROPOSED ABOLITION OF GWYDIR ELECTORATE

Firstly, how many of your committee live in a rural area? How many of you realise the importance of a rural area? Without the population in your rural areas you would not be able to easily access wheat, rice, cotton, wool, vegetable oils, meat, milk, minerals etc. which provide your sustenance and comfort.

Those of us who reside to the west of the dividing range have little access to communication with government officials to put our experience of local conditions to the fore, and now you are expecting many of us to lose the little we have by abolishing our access to parliamentary representatives by deleting the seat of Gwydir.

This impertinence on your part is assisting to degrade the democratic rights of our population for you have not had consultation with the constituents knowing that your proposal would not be accepted.

How do you expect Australia to advance and expand if you do not have local representation providing you with the essential local knowledge of environment, including water systems, social impacts etc..

Also, do you realise the size of the area that you propose for Parkes? An elected representative has no hope of visiting all the towns in the area to seek out problems and ideas from the voters.

Please use common sense and do not abolish the Gwydir electorate.

Yours faithfully,

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