



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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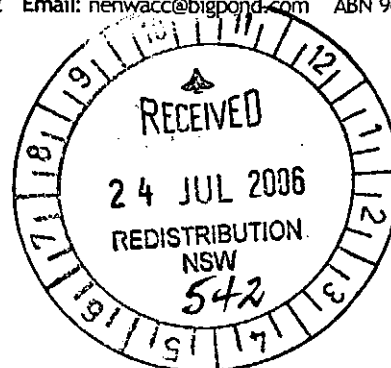
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NOTICE OF OBJECTION AGAINST PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION

The New England North West Area Consultative Committee objects to the proposed redistribution of electoral divisions and in particular the proposal to abolish the seat of Gwydir. The objection to the Redistribution Committee for New South Wales is based on the following;

Area Consultative Committees are a non-profit community based organisation funded by the Commonwealth Government under the Department of Transport and Regional Services. There are 56 Area Consultative Committees across Australia providing information and funding assistance to rural, regional and metropolitan areas. ACCs are an excellent example of Government, business and the Community working in partnership.

The proposed redistribution of the Gwydir electorate will have a compounding effect on the ability of ACCs to remain abreast of community issues and continue to be in the position to work closely and effectively with their local Federal member. The benefits we currently enjoy by working in close contact will be lost with the proposed boundary changes and the impact on communities will be profound.

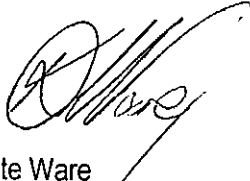
The tyranny of distance is a major factor in how a local member may service their constituents in rural and regional Australia. Inevitably the inability to service a region of the proposed size would lead to a more beauracatic approach to decision making for the type of incredibly positive and effective services ACCs, with the support of their Federal Member, provide.

The costs associated with both time and travel in order to consult with our local member of parliament would be prohibitive and would ensure the population of the existing seat of Gwydir, experiences major disadvantages due to distance.

If the redistribution is based purely on population, we bring to the Redistribution Committee's attention, the state of Tasmania.

Tasmania currently has an enrolment population of approximately 342,000 with five members of the House of Representatives, this averages to approximately 68,000 voters per seat. This is well under the estimated voting population for the proposed new seat of Parkes. If the distribution is based purely on population, as the voting public is lead to believe, should the redistributed seat not be coming from Tasmania?

Finally the common interest between the seats effected by the proposed redistribution is extremely minimal and the ability for one Member of Parliament to effectively service an area which represents 47% of the state while remaining abreast of the diverse issues facing the proposed new seat of Parkes is, in reality, impossible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Ware', written in a cursive style.

Kate Ware
Executive Officer

21 July 2006