



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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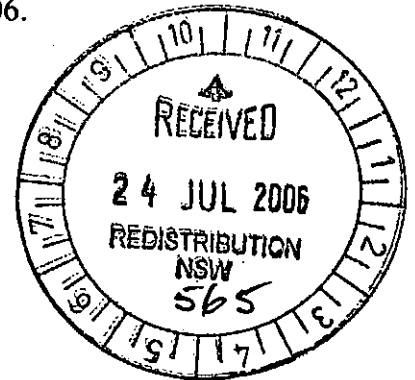
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Redistribution Committee of NSW
Australian Electoral Commission
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Dear Sir

I am writing to complain about your proposal to put the Federal seats of Gwydir and Parkes together. This would end up being 47% of the states area and 379,474 square kilometres. I feel that it would be a physically impossible job for any person to adequately represent the people of such a large area no matter what the population spread would be.

This merger would reduce the voice of country people who have little voice at the moment and the people of the electorate would not see their federal member very often, if at all.

We people in the country are going backwards all the time with higher rates, poor roads and the cost of living going up all the time and our income going down each year. If the people in the country cannot get a voice in the federal parliament and help to improve their conditions then the country people will move to the cities and the cities will not be able to sustain the growth and where would the produce to feed these people come from?

May I suggest that the members of the redistribution committee get out into these areas and see how the country people live rather than sitting in their office in Sydney and playing with bits of paper. Common sense should prevail here – blind Freddy could see that this is not a workable solution to amalgamate these areas. Perhaps it would be better to shuffle a few seats around in the city and give the country people an even break for a change.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Sheridan".

Robert Sheridan