



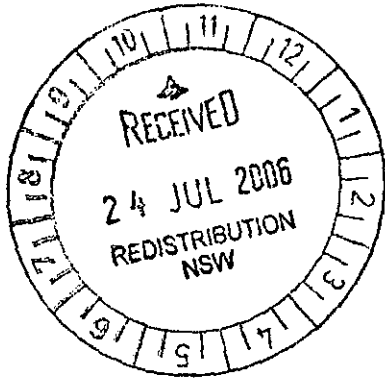
The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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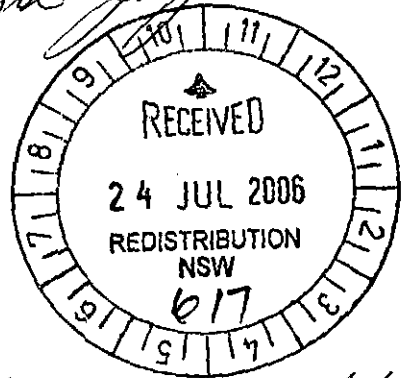
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Tuesday 18th July 2006.



Redistribution Committee of NSW
P.O. Box 20014
World Square, NSW 2002.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

As residents of the current electorate of Gwydir, we felt forward the submission to encourage the Australian Electoral Commission to redraft the proposed boundaries for NSW, to retain the seat of Gwydir in full.

We find the abolition of Gwydir insulting and unacceptable. No consultation was entered into with the residents of Gwydir and this is yet another example of decisions made by city based bureaucrats, having little knowledge of how rural residents operate. We try to encourage growth in local industries and openly invite people to move to regional towns, but are constantly being let down by decentralisation and State governments closing down regional services. We see the creation of a mega-seat, covering 47% of NSW as unworkable and unfair for the elected member to adequately represent us.

We ARE NOT second-class citizens, but the creation of a new mega-seat covering 379474 square kilometres will rapidly encourage a feeling of being second class, as our Member will have less chance to visit our communities on a regular basis. In contrast Sydney based people are often only 10 minutes from their MP's office, not a day's drive away, as we will be.

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By creating such a huge electorate, the proposal effectively reduces the voice of country people in Federal Parliament, as we will be one representative down. One member of Parliament CANNOT possibly provide fair and equitable representation to each of the 19 local government areas included in the proposed seat of Parkes.

PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS GROSSLY UNFAIR PROPOSAL

Yours sincerely
Nick Smith
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