



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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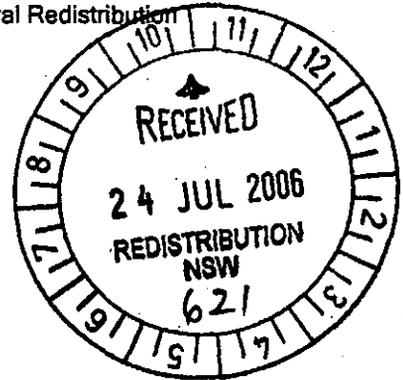
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The Chairman
 Redistribution Committee
 Australian Electoral Commission
 World Square
 Sydney

Dear Sir/Madam

My wife and I wish to register our objection to the decision to abolish the existing seat of Gwydir, and to replace it with an enormous area in the seat of Parkes.

It seems to us that the decision to abolish Gwydir was a decision of convenience, in that our sitting member Mr. Anderson had announced his decision to retire, and there would be no sitting member to contend with.

Our main objection is that again this is another case of the voice of country people being down-played or ignored. Another case of people living west of the Great Divide being treated as second class citizens. It is just too ridiculous to expect that people in such a large electorate can be properly represented by anyone.

We understand that under the proposed redistribution there will be a number of seats in the Sydney area with a lower quotient than the proposed mega-seat of Parkes. Can you explain the reasoning behind that?

We want to be able to meet our member. To shake hands with him/her. How can we do that when they are lost in the wilderness out back?

We add our voice to the many and ask your committee to look at the distribution once again and come up with something more equitable.

Yours sincerely

Phinny and Rita Herden

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