



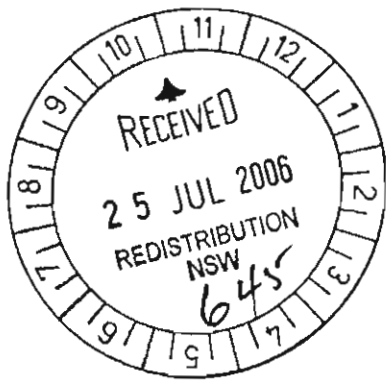
The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Redistribution Committee for New South Wales
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Dear Committee,

I wish to record my strong objection to the proposed alterations to the boundaries of the Federal Seat of Parkes and subsequent abolition of the seat of Gwydir. The workload for the current sitting Federal Member is already hugely demanding without vastly increasing the geographical area as per your proposals.

I urge the committee to closely examine the physical and logistical demands that will be required of the sitting Member to visit the many communities in the proposed Electorate of Parkes, a vast majority of which are in remote locations.

Voters in Western NSW are concerned that access to their local Federal MP will be greatly reduced, resulting in the loss of adequate representation regardless of party ties or affiliations of the sitting Member.

If Divisions in NSW must be reduced, I urge you to consider options put forward to combine Divisions in Sydney. Rural voters already feel disenfranchised in the political process and have expressed dismay that they will be further disadvantaged if these proposals are actioned.

Without satisfactory transport infrastructure, like that enjoyed in Sydney, the sitting MP will spend far more time in transit rather than being engaged in consultation with constituents, the result of which would be increased costs to the taxpayers through travel expenses and loss of productivity of the Member.

The Committee must realise that these proposals are being viewed suspiciously throughout Western NSW as another attempt to reduce their rightful participation in Australia's democratic process.

On behalf of communities throughout Western NSW I insist that the Committee reevaluates these proposals and not proceed with the recommended model.

Yours sincerely

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