



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



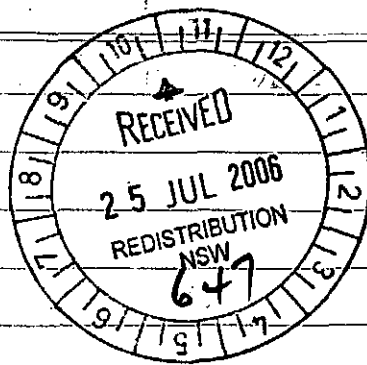
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Redistribution Committee of N.S.W.

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"The Warra"
Moree N.S.W. 2400
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Dear Committee Members,

I am strongly opposed to the proposed electoral re distribution to disband the federal seat of Gwydir, and amalgamate it into one seat covering almost half of N.S.W.

The theory of one vote one value does not work out in practice, and really means that the country peoples vote has no value. For example the N.S.W. Farmers Association has tried to get the fire service levy on insurance premiums removed and replaced with a levy on all rateable property. The reason being that not everyone insures their property so everyone would contribute to the fire service. To make the present situation even more unfair many farmers who insure their property are also volunteer firefighters. However because we do not have enough representation in government, we are not heard and considered.

So you see that there is a strong case to not only retain the seat of Gwydir, and abolish one of the city seats, but also abolish another city seat as well, and reduce the size of country electorates, to include another country electorate as well. This would return some democracy back to country areas. If rural Australia does not get a fair voice in government it will continue to decline and eventually die. Then who will feed us? Don't rely on imports because by then the world will be running out of food too. Think about it now before its too late.

I plead with you, give us more country electorates, not less.

Yours sincerely
Melville Hibus.