



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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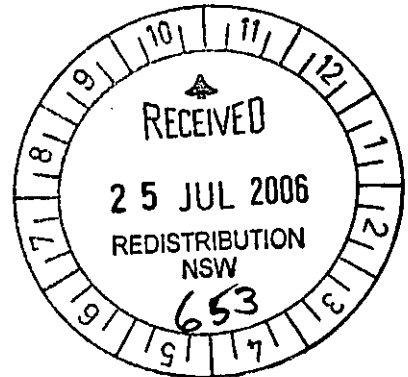
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Redistribution Committee for NSW
PO Box 20014
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Dear Committee Members

I write to oppose the AEC's plan to abolish the Federal seat of Gwydir as part of the latest redistribution of NSW Federal electorates.

Although NSW loses a seat to Queensland because of population changes, there is no need at all to create this mega seat in NSW. The seat will be so big it will make it very hard for any Member to be readily available for constituents.

It will make it extremely hard for a Member to be at a senior level in the government, where they can really give a powerful voice to rural concerns, and still look after the electorate. One member will be covering an area that two used to, reducing the "say" that the bush has.

It seems unfair that 47% of NSW will have just one political representative, whilst the remaining 53% of the state will have 48 representatives.

Further, none of the redistribution submissions put forward by Labor, Liberal or National Parties propose the abolition of Gwydir.

I trust you will give this objection your every consideration.

Yours sincerely

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