



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES

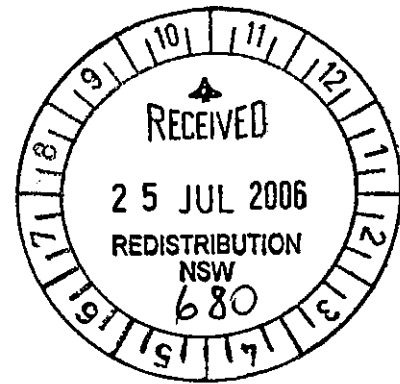


Public Objection Number: 680

Name: Mr and Mrs C and C SMITH

Page(s): 1

Col & Chris Smith
"Wylla"
Currabubula.
N.S.W. 2342



July 25, 2006

Redistribution Committee for NSW
PO Box 20014
World Square NSW 2002
Via Fax 02 9212 2208

We have lived at the above address for over 35 years, where we conduct a small cattle enterprise and a farm contracting business. We have raised two children and now have six grandchildren.

We are appalled at the AEC proposal to abolish the seat of Gwydir, and incorporate it into Parkes.

The concept of our parliamentary representatives each being responsible to an equal number of constituents is a wonderful theory, but in practice it does not provide equal representation at all.

There is no way that a member of parliament can represent an electorate of 380,000 sq km (or 47% of NSW) in the same way as one with a city electorate that can be negotiated on foot in half of a day!

It is not simply the vast distances and travel involved, but the number of issues. The city representative will mostly be dealing with matters of health, education and public transport. The country representative also has these issues PLUS cost of transport and freight, native vegetation, provision and preservation of water supplies, impact (good and bad) of mining and care of indigenous people, to name a few.

The Australian idiom of "a fair go" dictates that this proposal should NOT HAPPEN.

Yours faithfully

Col and Chris Smith

Chris Smith J.P.