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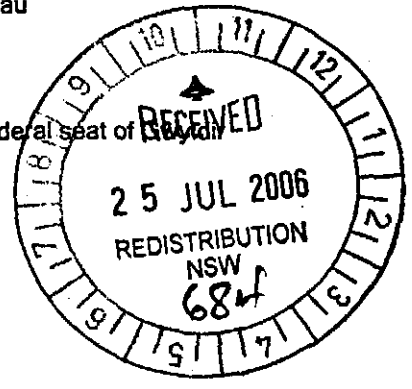
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Dear Sir /Madame.

May I introduce the Murray Darling Association

The Murray Darling Association is now the largest non-government organisation within the Murray-Darling Basin (over 100 Local Government Councils as members) with an interest in ensuring a sustainable future for the Basin's natural resources. It is self-driven, with a management board from all sectors across the Basin. It interacts with a wide range of local, state and Commonwealth Government agencies community groups and private sector bodies, to achieve its outcomes and facilitates this through its members.

At its meeting today the members of Region 10 of the Murray Darling Association resolved that I as chairman lodge on their behalf a strenuous objection to the proposed abolition of this important Federal seat. The basis for objection are;

- The new electorate of Parkes would become geographically so large with so many communities within it that true representation would be impossible.
- This loss of representation is unacceptable to the people of this vast region.
- The accuracy of the population figures used by the commission are questionable.
- The loss of a rural seat and subsequent loss of a vote in Canberra is unacceptable, unjust and undemocratic.
- The 10% variation rule cannot be justly relied upon because of the animality between NSW and other States vis a vis Tasmania.

The Association requests transparency in the Commission's decision making process and clear justification of decisions once made.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Ken Rogers  
Chairman Region 10  
Murray Darling Association.

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