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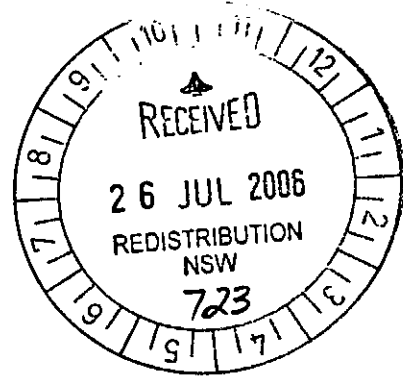
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Dear Committee Members,

re; Objection to the abolition of the Federal electorate of Gwydir

The proposed changes to the electoral boundaries to abolish the seat of Gywdir and create the "super" electorate for Parkes will make my vote worth less than those living in urban areas. I will have limited or no access to my federal member because of distance and I object strongly to this proposal.

I have a right to have reasonable access to my representatives. Distances will largely prohibit this. The proposed center of Dubbo is at least five hours travel from Moree and that is on reasonable roads. Do urban people have to travel long distances and stay overnight just to see their member? This is grossly unfair.

Toowoomba, Brisbane and Tamworth are more business centers for those living in the north of the state, while Adelaide is for those in the west. Dubbo certainly isn't, for a large part of those affected by the proposed changes.

It is difficult enough now to see our Parliamentary representative it will be impossible with a large part of their time just taken traveling. Not a very productive use of time. .

I object strongly to the abolition of the Federal seat for Gwydir. Rural NSW needs more representation not less. There must be equitable access for all and fair representation.

Yours truly,

V M Houlahan