



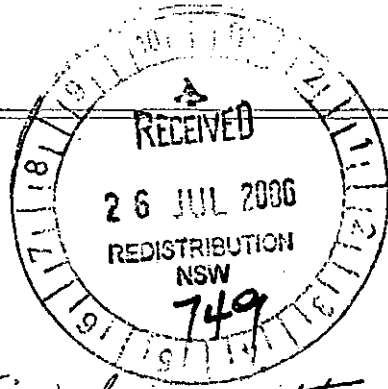
The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Redistribution Committee for N.S.W.
World Square
N.S.W.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you on behalf of my family and people in our community regards to the boundary changes in the seat of Gympie.

We can only see this matter as an attack on country people.

- 1) One less seat in the Federal Parliament will make the country peoples representation numerable to Ministerial influence in the Parliament.
- 2) To eliminate the seat of Gympie you have had to change 15 Boundaries in the country area disenfranchising most of the country electorates in N.S.W.
The people of rural N.S.W. like stability especially in their representation.
- 3) The Electorate is now five times the size of Tasmania, (or bigger than Germany) they have four seats in Federal Parliament; hardly fair.
5. There are 28 Electorate seats in the Sydney Basin which would easily fit

into our local Shire boundary.

It would seem to me that the Electoral boundaries could quite easily have been altered to accommodate the removal of a seat in the Sydney basin with out very little disturbance to the city people. These Parliamentary members would still be closer than my Shire Council office.

People in this electorate will know have to travel up to 1000 km. to speak personally with these members of which they freely do know.

- 5/ The estimated growth rates provided by the Commission do not predict Parkes - Gungahlin to have the lowest growth rates.
- 6/ Another criterion in the redrawing of boundaries is to attempt to keep communities of interest together moving boundaries from one suburb to a neighbouring suburb in Sydney does not jeopardise these interests; but to completely abolish 185000 square km that has been part of Australia since Federation that is to break down the interest of community after community and sentence them to representation by a 1000 km. away. I fear that unless the draft boundaries are heavily revised Gungahlin voters will never forgive

Don't forget that their political heritage
has been trashed:

This harshest of boundary decision is
grossly and seriously unfair and totally
unnecessary. There was no need to
go down this path. There are alternatives.

I urge the commission to look
at the damage to rural democracy
and use the laws given to reverse
this draft. We have already lost
a national electorate in the state
parliament which has only contempt
for the rural people living west of
the great diminishing range.

Please look on us kindly.

Yours faithfully

Bill & Jan Burger
Walter & Martine Burger.