



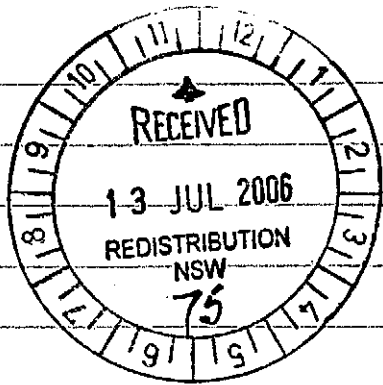
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NEW SOUTH WALES



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Dear Sir/Madam

We wish to submit our objection to the Federal Seat of Gwydir being deleted and this extremely large area being merged into Parkes.

We, the people of the Gwydir electorate deserve better treatment in this democracy than being swallowed into an impossibly sized area too big for one member of Parliament to be able to manage.

Under the election rules we have to vote, or be fined. How can people vote for someone they don't know, have never heard of and are probably never going to meet. This person could reside hundreds of miles away in an area that is so completely diverse to this particular area, he or she would have no knowledge of the needs of the people of Gwydir.

Electorates should not be based on numbers being equal or ~~the same~~ the same. Sydney has large numbers but a small area with needs based on mainly economic, and transport. Gwydir's needs are rural, industrial, health, education and employment. If these needs were met we would not lose our children to the cities to find work - the population would increase instead

of steadily decreasing - losing our people across
the border into Queensland.

We urge your Committee to step back and
look earnestly at what you are about to do.
Please do not go ahead with this course of action.

Yours faithfully

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