



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



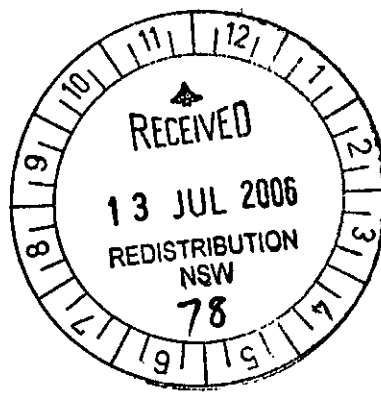
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41 Callender Ave.
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Redistribution Committee NSW
PO Box 20014
World Square NSW 2002.



Dear Sir,

I wish to lodge my protest to the removal of the federal seat of Gwydir in the recent redistribution.

It is understood that one seat in NSW must go, and that these decisions are governed by head counts, not by area, but a more suitable compromise must be available in a case such as this.

If a metropolitan seat was taken, it would probably only involve 1 or 2 suburbs, an area which could be covered in a day in a car.

Whereas the area proposed for this replacement electorate would take a sitting member with a pilot, and a small Jet, a week to cover all centres giving the constituents a reasonable time to consult their member with their problems.

Rural citizens have just as much right to approach their federal member as do city people, but it seems that the electoral redistribution committee do not think this way.

I appeal to your sense of electoral justice, and reconsider this change before making this decision.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W P Smart".

W P Smart.