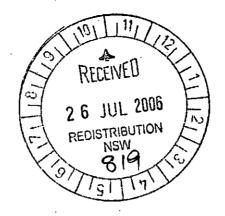


The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES

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Electoral Commission Redistribution Committee for NSW PO Box 20014, World Square NSW 2002

Dear Electoral Commissioner,

I view the proposed redistribution plan for the federal seat of Gwydir by the Electoral Commission as unrealistic that will have economic and social consequences for regional development.

Governments have a plethora of policies and programs actively promoting regional development. Your proposal will significantly negate these activities the communities and environment of northern NSW.

The notion that such a large area of NSW with so many towns and communities can be adequately serviced by one Federal Member is nonsense.

It is not fair to expect a single Member of Parliament to represent so many diverse communities, industries and resources equitably. Nor is it fair for the community to face such great difficulty in accessing their only member to have their views and differing needs properly understood. A Federal member would be lucky to visit a community in their electorate every couple of years given the amount of time they need to spend in Canberra.

It is essential that logic be applied to the communities of interest that reside in northern NSW, which are very different to those in Dubbo and south of that.

Along with many other people, community and industry organisations I urge you to re consider this proposal and maintain the electorate of Gwydir closer to its present form.

Yours sincerely

Guy Roth

20th July 2006