

The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES



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Mr I an Campbell **Electoral Commissioner** PO Box 20014 World Square NSW. 2002.

21, 7, 2006.

Dear Mr Campbell,

I am writing to you on behalf of Fairview Retirement Village Moree and expressing an objection to the proposed redistribution of the seat of Gwydir.

Fairview is the only aged care accommodation service in our district catering to over 100 senior citizens from a very diverse background. Over the last two years we have sought the service and support of John Anderson MP, Member for Gwydir, in helping to gain Federal Government support in a large rebuilding program on this site.

This effort required a great deal of time on behalf of the Member in terms of site visits, community meetings and eventual lobbying in Canberra. There is no doubt that the limited time we were able to access our Federal Member was able to be put to good use but I must say it was very limited and precious.

It is of great concern that under the proposed redistribution the Member would have very very little time to undertake any meaningful support for similar community projects. The proposed area is vast and the number of service providers across all delivery fronts are numerous.

There is little doubt that the ability to provide equity of access by community members and quality of time would be significantly compromised under the proposed redistribution. The communities of interest are very diverse across the region and overlayed with geographic and physical size making it virtually impossible to service in line with community needs and expectations.

Statistically we believe the Commission has a number of alternatives across the State which would be far more suitable than the one proposed. It can only be assumed that the retirement of the existing Member for Gwydir has been used as the over riding criteria for such a decision.

The current proposal is a disaster for country people who are striving to achieve equitable outcomes for rural and remote communities. I urge both you and the committee to consider the 'common good' and reconsider the redistribution proposal.

Yours truly, Ka : Amphi

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