



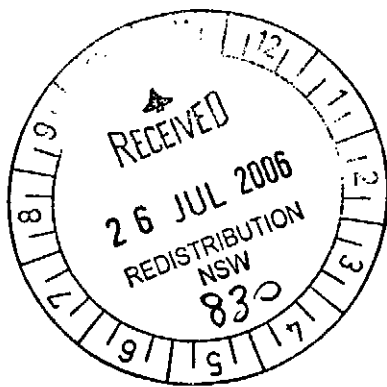
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NEW SOUTH WALES



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Redistribution Committee for New South Wales
Australian Electoral Commission (N.S.W.)

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I write to you today to convey my strong opposition to the proposal to abolish the Federal seat of Graydon and merge the electorate into the seat of Parkes.

There are many reasons why such a merger would not work but to mention a few (1) how could one elected person possibly serve the people of this new proposed electorate being 47% of the total area of New South Wales. This is a bigger area than countries like Japan and Germany and $5\frac{1}{2}$ times larger than our own state of Tasmania. (2) Some people would have to drive all day to reach their members office to speak to him or her and then drive home again. This is not only very expensive but dangerous with people driving on our already rough country roads when very tired, while our city friends only have to drive a few blocks to see their local M.P. - how fair is this. (3) The people in the rural areas are already under represented in parliament and to abolish the seat of Graydon will only make this even worse. If we need to abolish an electorate then why not re-arrange things in Sydney so people only have to drive or walk one extra block to see their local MP and not 400 kilometers.

The seat of Gywydir is one of the greatest rural income producing seats in Australia, and therefore needs its own representation in parliament

I could go on for hours but realise your time is very precious and therefore ask you that unity prevails and this new merger proposal be abolished immediately.

Trusting we hear in the very near future that the Federal seat of Gywydir and its size remains in its present format.

Yours sincerely

G. R. Hunt.

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