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NEW SOUTH WALES



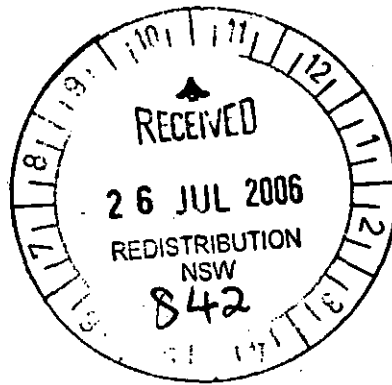
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Dear Committee,

In regards to the proposed abolition of the Gwydir Electorate

I have lived my whole life in the electorate of Gwydir and am shocked and appalled that the amalgamation of Gwydir with Parkes can even be thought.

It takes away the right for a vast many of NSW Rural people to have a meaningful voice in our parliament - already there are too few rural seats in Australia.

The situation would be totally ludicrous - to think one person can fairly cover and represent an area five times larger than Tasmania, on isolated poorly kept roads, non existent rail structure and a poorer health system is just bloody nonsense.

Given Tasmania is always "guaranteed" FIVE representatives, the notion of distribution on a population base is just as much nonsense - to equal that, then why are you not creating three new seats, i.e. Parkes, Gwydir and 3 other seats to cover the same area - in what is supposed to be a democratic country that would be fair.

The people of country NSW deserve to have a realistic and practical sized Electorate which gives them reasonable access to their member.

Gwydir and Parkes MUST be retained at all costs.

Regards,

Noel Squire