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NEW SOUTH WALES



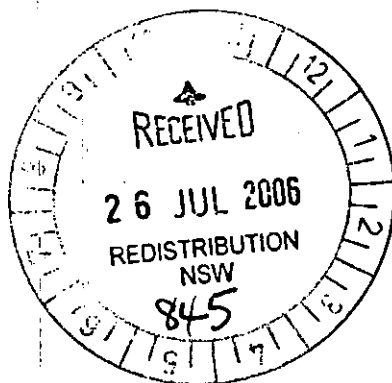
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Dear Committee,

In regards to the proposed abolition of the Gwydir Electorate

As a constituent of the seat of Gwydir I am shocked and angry that the amalgamation of Gwydir with Parkes can even be thought, and I strongly object to any such move.

It takes away the right for a vast many of NSW Rural people that live west of the Great Dividing Range to have a meaningful voice in our parliament. Urban constituents have daily access to their members, both sitting & opposing – constituents in the proposed Parkes electorate would virtually have no contact at all.

The situation would be totally ludicrous – to think one person can fairly cover and represent an area five times larger than Tasmania, on isolated roads (often unsealed) with non existent public transport and a poorer health system is just ridiculous and stupidity gone wrong.

Given Tasmania is 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.

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

For too long the voice of Country Australians has been eroding away at the hands of “politicians” and it is time to take a stand and demand that it stops now.

Gwydir and Parkes MUST be retained as separate electorates at all costs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bronwyn Squire".