



**The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES**



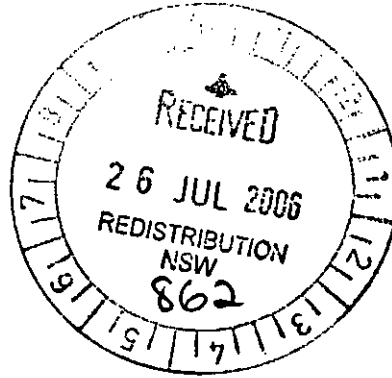
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**Public Objection Number: 862**

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Australian Electoral Commissioner  
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Dear Mr Campbell

I wish to register my amazement at the proposed boundary changes which would see the end of the Federal Seat of Gwydir.

I live in the electorate of Parkes and was the Federal Member there for one term. As a father of a young family, I found it impossible to meet the demands of the family and the electorate in the manner I believed the electorate deserved.

In my view, the proposed change will mean that the only type of person that could serve an electorate that size would have to be an older person, or a person with no family commitments.

I realize there is another half a dozen electorates this size, but there is an opportunity to make changes which would not disadvantage any person in western Sydney in terms of their access to their member.

The changes proposed would mean there would be no such thing as a "local" member for thousands of people in western NSW.

The "community of interest" consideration has not been taken into account as far as I can tell. It appears those that have presented this proposal have no idea of the real lives of people and what binds a community to another, in terms of health, financial and community services as well as infrastructure such as roads and other transport facilities.

Please re-consider the proposal.

Yours sincerely

Tony Lawler  
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