



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES

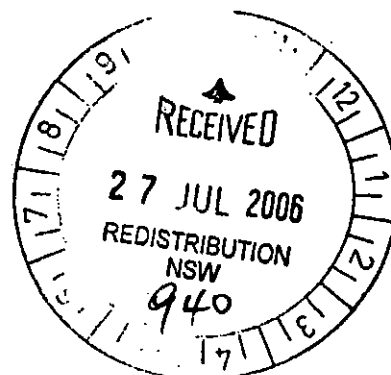


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The Chairman
Redistribution Committee of NSW
Australian Electoral Commission (NSW)
PO Box 20014
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Dear Chairman,

re: REDISTRIBUTION – ABOLITION OF GWYDIR

We strongly oppose the AEC's proposed abolition of the Gwydir Electorate:

- Already there are too many elected representatives in Australia's city and coastal districts – ie. Federal, State and Local governments who take the easy way out.
- That is, these representatives, mostly choose to ignore the the economic and population drain to city and coast.
- Australia, with a national economy of lowering rural incomes, poor manufacturing projections, and ultimate decline of mineral wealth, need to give itself a "good shake".
- By desalination and water schemes, re-settlement subsidies, resource projects for non-urban areas then manufacturing and population transfer – these are our only hopes to sustain this country against fierce Asian competition, balance of payments and a \$A decline.

These objectives must have fair and strong rural representation federally. The loss of Gwydir and a few other seats from the back blocks, Australia wide, will accelerate our decline. It will be physically and logistically impossible for one representative to serve an electorate covering 47 % of the State of NSW, which includes a high percentage of Aborigines.

Now is the time for us to wake up and leave Gwydir on the Electoral Map!

Yours faithfully,


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