



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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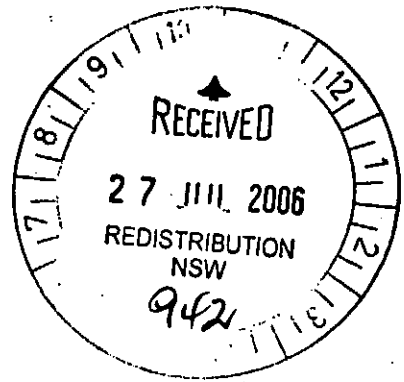
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15th July, 2006.

Redistribution Committee for New South Wales
Australian Electoral Commission (NSW)
P o Box 20014,
WORLD SQUARE, NSW, 2002.



Dear Sir,

I am writing to object to the draft boundaries for the NSW redistribution and the proposal to abolish the seat of Gwydir to merge with the seat of Parkes.

I strongly object on the following basis

Those who live in rural areas, are already dominated by the Sydney Electorate and any loss of seats should come from the Sydney area. This would be far more equitable and surely the Australian Electoral Commission should be concerned about equity.

To create a huge seat as proposed is a travesty against those who would live in such a seat. The size of 380,000 square kilometres is absolutely ludicrous and I am staggered at the proposal. It would appear that the Australian Electoral Office is erring in this proposal and have ignored legislative requirements.

Little regard seems to have been afforded to those who would live in such a large electorate. Whereas city seats have ready access to their local MP, this would not be the case in such a huge electorate such as that proposed.

Further, it is essential that The Great Dividing Range continues to act as a sensible natural dividing line.

I urge the Australian Electoral Office to reconsider the proposal as a matter of urgency,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Peter Mason'.