



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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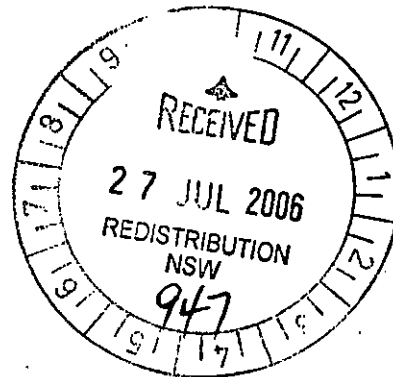
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Redistribution Committee for NSW
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Dear Committee Members

I am writing in relation to the abolishment of the Federal seat of Gwydir as part of the latest redistribution of NSW Federal electorates.

Working in the Agriculture Industry I am aware of the number of challenges facing rural Australia and believe it is important to have effective political representation. I would regard the abolition of our seat as an attack on our level of representation as residents of regional Australia.

We currently receive close attention from the local Federal MP, and don't believe that this could continue if our seat is more than doubled in size to 380,000 square kilometres, making it incredibly hard for a single Member of Parliament to properly service.

*The new proposal will require **one** member to cover 47% of New South Wales whilst there will be **48** members to cover the remaining 52% of the State. How is that fair!*

The Government is supposed to represent all Australians equally and provide all residents with access to essential services. How then, can it be proposed that an area in New South Wales that is currently unable to access these essential services can be seen to require less representation?

A more sensible redistribution would have included changes to one of the Sydney seats that currently provide city residents with yet another service that people in country areas will not have – political representation!

I trust that you will give my objections you every consideration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Maslen".

Christopher Maslen