



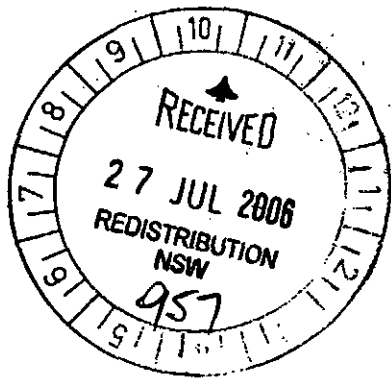
The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Port Macquarie,
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Re distribution Committee for N.S.W.
AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION N.S.W.
P.O. Box 20014
WORLD SQUARE N.S.W. 2002.

DEAR CHAIRPERSON,

The proposal to do away with the Gwydir Electorate surely is a discrimination of great magnitude against the people of this Rural area.

THIS size of 380,000 sq Ks 47% of N.S.W. surely rates a voice in a democratic society. Surely it is rural, and farms and small towns don't have the weight of numbers to protest their problems like urban concentrations. This great size proposal is eliminating a rural voice in Fed Parliament. Creating such a huge Electorate reduces the voice of country people in Federal Parliament significantly, by at least one seat.

To be fair to the people of N.S.W. a more equitable solution would be to amalgamate 2 Sydney Electorates with similar geographical features and infrastructure.

It appears that legislative requirements of communities of interest and the size of electorates to be considered in the redistribution process have been ignored.

Looking at the most recent N.S.W. electoral redistribution were mindful of the huge size of the STATE SEAT of Murray-Darling, and those Commissioners took the opportunity to reduce the size of that Electorate.

IT seems to go contrary to this reasoning to create such a huge area, and as a seat it would reduce unfairly the voice of the people of the electorate of GWYDIR.

Fair Go! to the old Aussies who pioneered the land.

Yours faithfully,
Leonard H Dodds.