



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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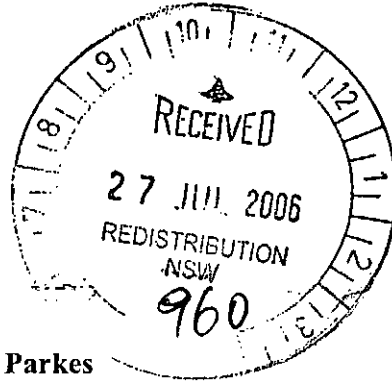


# NARRABRI SHIRE COUNCIL

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Mr I Campbell  
Chairman  
Redistribution Committee for New South Wales  
Australian Electoral Commission  
PO Box 20014  
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25 July 2006



Dear Sir,

**Re: Redistribution proposal of Gwydir & Parkes**

I refer to the above proposal and advise that Council at its Meeting held on 18 July 2006, resolved to write in objection to it.

Council's objection centres on a number of concerns as follows:

### **Area and Representation**

Council is concerned that the vast geographical area of some 272,000 km<sup>2</sup> will be almost physically impossible for one elected representative to service.

Council fears that people within the electorate will not receive the representation they deserve and will be detrimentally affected as a result.

### **Community of Interest**

The areas from the current seat of Gwydir and the current seat of Parkes have very little in the way of community of interest.

The media outlets for the northern part of the electorate emanate from Tamworth whereas, the Southern and Western areas are from Dubbo.

As well, Medical and other Government Services emanate from both of these Regional Cities to their respective local areas.

Indeed, Sporting and Cultural ties are based on similar divisions across the electorate.

### **Transport**

Adding to the difficulty for the representative is the fact that there are no transport services which cross the electorate. Most public transport originates from Sydney and returns to that centre.

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**Name**

Council also believes that should this proposal go ahead the name should reflect a feature of that electorate and suggests that the name of Gwydir should remain. This history of the electorate name sufficient to justify its retention as it has been in existence since Federation.

**Regional Centre**

The current seat of Gwydir does not have any regional centre within its boundaries which dominates the rest of the electorate. All of the major populations centres work cooperatively and Council rejects the notion of the need to have a large regional centre within the electorate and is fearful that the centre will dominate at the expense of the other centres.

Council trusts that serious consideration will be given by your Committee to the matters raised by Council and residents of this area.

Yours faithfully,



Ian McCallum

**GENERAL MANAGER**