



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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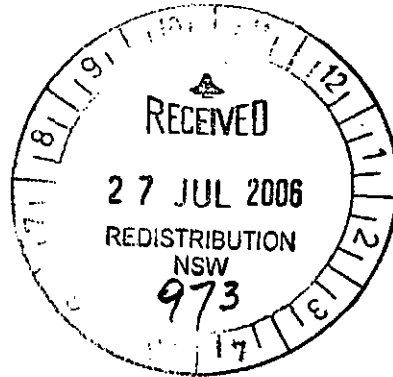
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Redistribution Committee for NSW
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Dear Committee Members,

re; Objection to the abolition of the Federal electorate of Gwydir

The Weemelah Branch of the Country Womens Association is opposed to the abolition of the federal electorate of Gwydir and the creation of the huge seat of Parkes.

Members believe that the erosion of Parliamentary representation for rural and remote communities is unjust and inequitable. There are many aged and disadvantaged people in our communities that are already marginalized by distances from services, increasing this is unfair.

Parkes will cover a huge area necessitating an immense amount of travel sometimes taking days either for the member or the constituents of the electorate. Small urban electorates have all the advantages of easy access and public transport. Matters can be raised on a daily basis. This certainly won't be the case in Parkes which will cover 43% of NSW.

We believe it is impossible for one Parliamentary member to adequately represent the interests of the people in the proposed electorate of Parkes. Tasmania which is 1/5th the size has five representatives with a fraction of the distance to travel.

Weemelah CWA objects to the abolition of the Federal seat for Gwydir. Rural NSW needs more representation not less. There must be equitable access for all and fair representation.

Yours truly,

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