



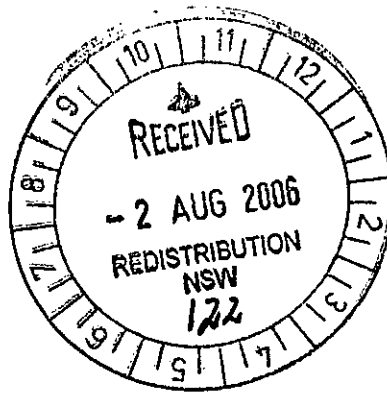
**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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28 July 2006

Redistribution Committee for New South Wales
PO Box 20014
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Dear Members of the Committee


I have been directed by the executive committee of the Two Rivers Arts Council at Gunnedah to write to you, to object to the draft proposed federal electoral redistribution in New South Wales.

The abolition of the federal seat of Gwydir, one of the few remaining federation seats, and its incorporation into the electorate of Parkes diminishes even further the representation of rural Australians in the federal parliament.

The immense geographical area of this proposed seat (47% of the state of New South Wales) means that the ability of any member to satisfactorily represent the interest of those communities in this proposed electorate is significantly reduced. Our committee feels strongly that our organisation and the countless similar others throughout this part of New South Wales will find it much more difficult to communicate, and have understood, our needs and concerns.

Australians who choose to live in non metropolitan areas already contend with many disadvantages. This redistribution proposal significantly adds to them. Such disenfranchisement and increased disadvantage are of grave concern.

Yours faithfully


Rosalind Dight
Secretary
Two Rivers Arts Council

