



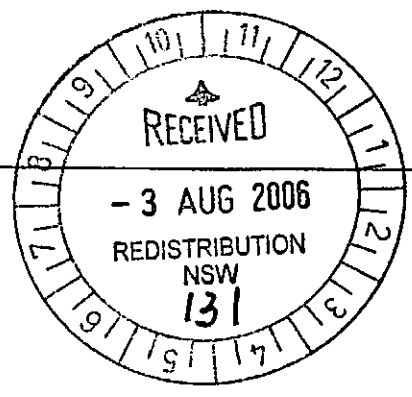
**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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Mr David Farrell,
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Dear Sir, FAX (02) 9212 2208

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FEDERAL SEAT OF GWYDIR.

I refer to your recent press release and advise that Council wishes to formally oppose in the strongest terms at the proposed changes to the Federal seat of Gwydir that will see the part of the Wellington Council area transferred to the Federal seat of Parkes and the remainder to Calare.

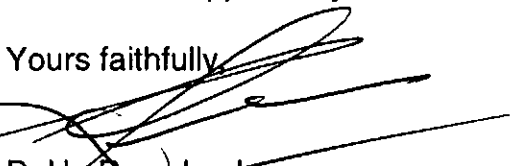
Council would prefer for the Federal seat of Gwydir to remain as it is as we believe that is where our Community's strongest regional community of interest lies. Put simply, the proposed seat of Parkes is simply too large for it to effectively serve the people it will contain.

Gwydir has had an extremely hard working and conscientious local member in the Mr John Anderson MP whose tireless efforts secured many wins not only for our small community but also for various individuals who have requested him to raise matters on their behalf.

It is believed that any redistribution along the lines proposed may put the standing of Wellington at risk with a resulting loss of service and representation for our local government area.

Many local residents relying on low incomes for support would face difficulty in meeting the costs of travelling to Orange for visits with their proposed local member, as it is not adequately covered by public transport and is twice the distance by road as compared with Dubbo.

Council would be happy to expand on any of the issues raised above if afforded the opportunity to do so.

Yours faithfully,

D. H. Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

