



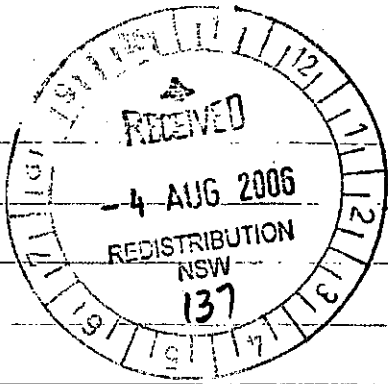
**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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I am writing this to give my strong objection to the abolishment of the Gwydir electorate and joining it with the Parkes electorate.

The size of the new electorate makes it impossible for one member of Parliament to give fair and equal representation to every local government area - 19 in all - which would be in the proposed seat of Parkes.

Has due consideration been given to the size of the proposed electorate? Nearly half of N.S.W. This considerably reduces the voice of Country people in the Federal Parliament.

Country people do not live - unlike city people - in close proximity to their Member's office and in this new electorate would have to travel many miles and many hours and hours to see their M.P.

To me this proposed new electorate just shows again the ignorance of people who do not live in a rural area. They have absolutely no knowledge or care about conditions under which Country folk live: such as diversion of water, roads, and distances. The whole proposal is an insult and quite unacceptable to rural communities of N.S.W.

The creation of an electorate of the size will certainly reduce the voice of Country people in the Federal Parliament - as stated before - and serious consideration must be given to the voice of the people who will be most affected by this proposal. People do live west of the Great Dividing Range and of those of you who sit comfortably

behind your desks in your easily accessible offices would
take a brief time to see for yourselves just what it is like
in rural areas where so much of Australia's wealth comes
from you might realize that the people living there are
deserving of far better treatment than this proposed amalgamation
or offering. It is an insult to them.

(Mrs) Janet McMaster.



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Regarding letter dated 4th August to Mrs Janet McMaster - acknowledging my submission, dated the 22nd of July about the redistribution of electoral boundaries.

I wish the augmented Electoral Commission to accept it as a comment on objections.

Yours sincerely

Janet McMaster

