



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



Comments on Public Objections – Comment No: 152

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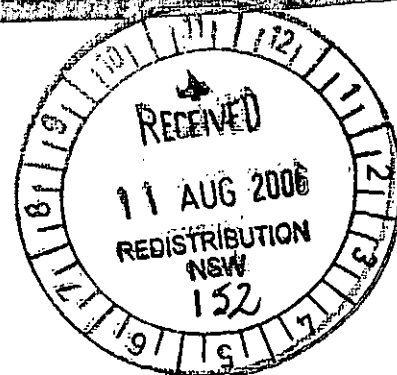
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Kay Hull MP



9 August 2006

Australian Electoral Commissioner
Redistribution Committee for New South Wales
PO Box 20014
World Square NSW 2002



Dear Commissioner,

I am writing in response to the submissions received in relation to the proposed redistribution of Federal electoral boundaries in New South Wales.

I strenuously object to the Liberals' submission which proposes the inclusion of the Lachlan, Cobar and Bogan local government areas into the electorate of Riverina. This proposal would mean the loss of the Cootamundra and Gundagai local government areas to the electorate of Hume.

I believe this is an absolutely ridiculous proposal as Cootamundra and Gundagai local government areas have a community of interest with Wagga Wagga. The issues in these areas are very similar to those in the other local government areas in the Riverina such as Wagga Wagga, Junee, Coolamon and Temora especially agriculturally. I believe that the Cobar, Bogan and Lachlan electorates are better aligned with the Dubbo local government area which under this proposal would be included in the Parkes electorate. The issues in these parts of central New South Wales especially in the remote communities concern telecommunications, health and agriculture that are very different to the issues facing the local government areas currently in the electorate of Riverina.

I am extremely concerned that the Liberals have not opposed the loss of Gwydir - a country seat. It is already very difficult for rural people to access their local member and to get rural focused representation. The loss of Gwydir will mean a huge electorate and limited communities of interest. I believe that it would be in the very best interests of rural people to amalgamate a city seat and restore Gwydir to represent rural interests.

Using the AEC quota of 93,508 people per electorate, the area of the state outside the Newcastle-Sydney-Wollongong Basin is entitled to 14.89 seats compared to 34.11 in the metropolitan areas. The AEC proposal rounds down country representation to 14 and rounds up city representation to 35.

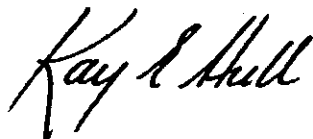
I have attached a copy of my response to the proposal of the redistribution of electoral boundaries in New South Wales urging the Australian Electoral Commission to seriously consider ways Hay could be retained within the Riverina.

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the comments received on the proposed redistribution.

Yours sincerely,

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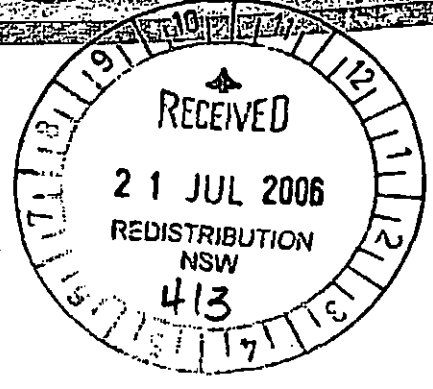
Mrs Kay Hull, MP
Federal Member for Riverina

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7 July 2006

Australian Electoral Commissioner
Redistribution Committee for New South Wales
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World Square NSW 2002



Dear Commissioner,

I am writing in response to the proposed changes to the boundaries of Federal electorates in New South Wales announced on Friday 30 June 2006.

As the representative for the Federal electorate of Riverina I am advocating that Hay is retained in the Riverina. The loss of Hay from the Riverina electorate would have a major impact on the town because its community of interest is Griffith, not Albury or Broken Hill with which it is proposed to be aligned with in the electorate of Farrer.

The major centre for Hay residents to access most services including all health services is currently in Griffith and I would like to see this continue. Hay is in a remote area and it is very hard to get committed whole of government attitude and they currently have that, therefore I strongly believe it is in their best interest to be a part of the electorate of Riverina.

Hay has unique and particular characteristics that require a sense of stability. I believe it is very unfair to position Hay within an electorate that simply has no community of interests.

Whilst I enjoy representing Coleambally and this area is a very important part of the Riverina electorate, this town can have and does already have a community of interest in the Farrer electorate. I believe the large water inference in the Coleambally area can fit with communities in the Farrer electorate such as Jerilderie.

However, Hay is best served retained in the Riverina and I ask the commissioner to seriously look at re-establishing Hay in the Riverina electorate.

I urge the Australian Electoral Commission to seriously consider ways Hay could be retained within the Riverina.

Yours Sincerely,

Kay Hull, MP
Federal Member for Riverina

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