



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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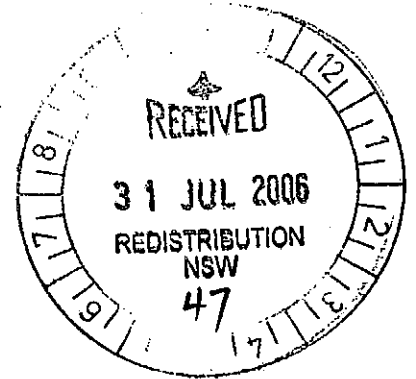
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26th June 2006

**Mr Ian Campbell
Redistribution Committee for NSW
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Dear Mr Campbell

Bourke Shire Council was dismayed at the report of the proposed new Federal Electoral Division of Parkes which effectively amalgamates the majority of the existing Gwydir and Parkes Electorates.

Council is concerned with the very large size of this proposed electorate with the concentration of population to its eastern section. This would effectively disenfranchise the Western Division of NSW which already suffers from low representation due to its very large geographical size and sparse population.

Council contends that the sparsity of population should also be a factor in the setting of electoral boundaries and this would go some way toward assisting in providing effective representation for areas like the Western Division of NSW.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ken Croskell'.

**Ken Croskell
General Manager**