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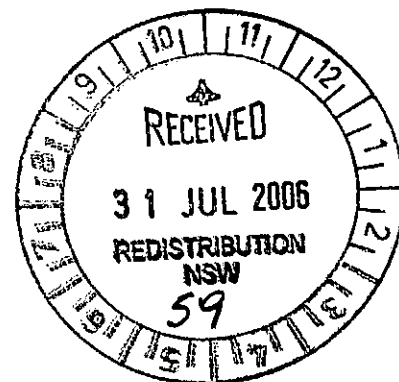
**Comments on Public Objections – Comment No: 59**

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The Electoral Commissioner,  
Redistribution Committee for NSW  
PO Box 20014  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Proposed Abolition of Gwydir

I wish to protest in the strongest possible terms at the proposal to abolish the federal seat of Gwydir by amalgamating the electorate into Parkes.

The obvious objection has no doubt been brought already to your attention ie. the vast area to be covered by one parliamentarian and the inevitable problems it poses.

Having moved from the city to the country 10 years ago, I have enjoyed rural life thus far but experience some frustration at inadequate services and lack of attention to the particular circumstances of regional Australia.

This, to some degree, has been smoothed by the actions and representations of our federal member. I fail to see how any successor could represent a much increased area in parliament when the incumbent member is already pressed to cover his large electorate.

I hold no political affiliations and feel this is an issue which critically affects all parties. If the proposal succeeds, it also holds serious ramifications for all of regional Australia. How can Tasmania justify such high representation when 47 per cent of NSW is penciled into one super electorate?

I implore you to reconsider this proposal. I feel it will sound the death knell as far as regional Australia's political voice is concerned.

Yours sincerely

  
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