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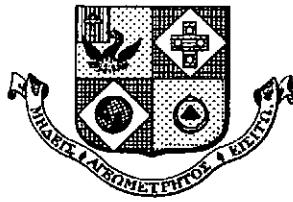
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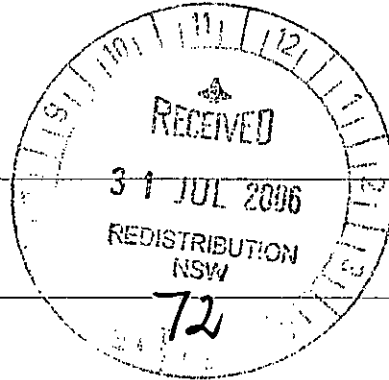
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25<sup>th</sup> July 2006,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

## **Re: Abolition of the seat of Gwydir**

As a resident and businessman of Narrabri I strongly object to the abolition of the seat of Gwydir in the proposal redistribution of Federal Electoral boundaries in New South Wales.

While I understand that New South Wales needs to lose one seat I believe that the proposed method of doing so is flawed. It simply would be too difficult for a member to adequately represent the people of the proposed seat of Parkes. Democracy is not simply a matter of one person one vote. It surely is a matter of equal representation. Under the proposed changes the people of Parkes will certainly not receive equal representation.

In the Narrabri Shire and the adjoining Gunnedah Shire there is a boom in economic activity. This will almost certainly see substantial increase in population in the next few years.

A much fairer way to achieve the reduction of one seat in New South Wales would be to abolish a city seat. The boundaries would then be adjusted outwards accordingly. All seats could then be within the electoral allowance with reasonable representation maintained for country people.

Once again, I strongly object to the proposed redistribution.

Yours faithfully,

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