



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
**NEW SOUTH WALES**



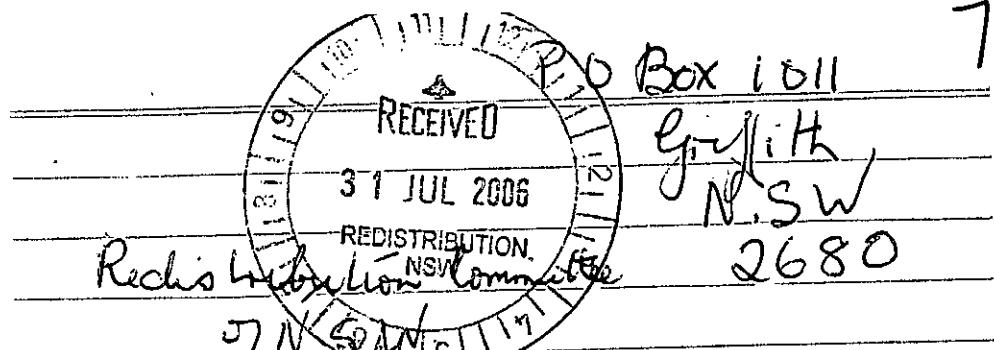
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Redistribution Committee

Australian Electoral Commission  
(NSW)

Dear Sirs

I wish to protest at  
the abolition of the seat of  
Gwydir.

Have you any idea of  
the cost of interviewing  
their representative to a  
country person in an  
electorate of the size of  
the one proposed?

The size is ridiculous!  
How could one representative  
cover the distances in one  
of 47% of the state? Only  
by air is a method

beyond the pockets of both  
the representative and the  
inhabitants of the seat.

Most rural and  
regional communities of N.S.W.,  
must travel in their own  
cars and with the rising  
price of petrol, this will  
be a very heavy & unfair  
hardship to put on these  
communities already suffering  
from years of drought.

Also the predicted growth  
rates of Parkes and Gwydir  
are not the lowest which  
the Australian Electoral  
Commission provided.

Again why should  
the seat of Gwydir be  
abolished when the very  
large seat of Murray-Darling  
has been reduced?

I must protest at  
this move to reduce the  
voice of country people  
in the Federal Parliament

Yours sincerely  
(Mrs) M. Speirs