



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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We wish to officially lodge our objection to the redistribution of the Gwydir Electorate, to abolish it and become part of the Parkes Electorate.

We believe that the AEC has failed to meet their criteria in relation to Access, Transport and Communications. How we have access to our local Representative in an area covering half of NSW. We have not public Transport to allow voters to visit and meet with their representative should they wish to do so. The cost of communications over such a vast area would be extreme. With the new Parkes Electorate the area is equivalent to FIVE times Tasmania and they have 5 representatives. It would take 18 hours non stop driving to get for one side of the Electorate to another.

The criteria of having like communities in an Electorate has also been overlooked. The Shires of Gunnedah, Narrabri and Moree are primarily broadacre cropping area whilst the Western part of the new electorate would primarily be based on grazing.

Growth in our regions is on the increase. With increase mining activities, skill training for young apprentices - meaning our children are staying and working in the region, and the tree change populus moving further away from the coast our region is seeing the beginning of population growth.

The electorate of Blaxand in Sydney does not meet your population criteria however they have not been identified in the proposals.

As an Australian Citizens and voters we believe it is our constitutional right is have equal and far representation within our Electorate and to have far access to our representative, without reference to any one political party.

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