



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Subject: Abolition of The Federal Seat of Gwydir and the Related Enlargement of The Seat of Parkes

Dear Sir/Madam

We refer to the above topic and object to the abolition of the Federal seat of Gwydir and the related enlargement of the Federal seat of Parkes on the following grounds:

- The reduction in the voice of the "bush" in Federal politics by 1 seat, regardless of which party wins the seat, is not acceptable to those living in the region.
- The redistribution and loss of 1 rural seat is yet another example of the reduction in services, in this case political services, faced by rural communities.
- The size of the proposed enlarged seat of Parkes, which will be bigger than Germany or Japan and five and a half times bigger than Tasmania, means there will be an increased cost (not only in dollar terms) to the communities, the sitting member, and the political system whilst at the same time delivering a reduced political service.
- A vote in NSW will now be worth 29% less than the equivalent vote in Tasmania.

It is our understanding that the redistribution is done in such a way that each seat has a similar population within a tight upper and lower band/limits. Therefore in adopting this very mathematically based approach there is no consideration given to:

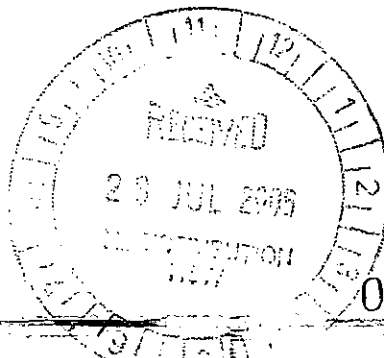
- the final size of the seat;
- the cost in providing a political service;
- how the sitting member will cover that area, and
- how the differing local issues could be managed by the sitting member.

In an attempt to be constructive, may we suggest that in future the redistribution process commence from areas of higher population and move outward to areas of more sparse population. This, we believe, would result in a fairer redistribution based on population and regional issues.

Yours sincerely

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