



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Australian Electoral Commissioner
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EC
Electoral Commissioner

Dear Mr. Campbell,

As enrolled electors for the Federal seat of Parkes we are writing to you to express our strongest dissatisfaction and concern regarding the proposed boundary changes for this federal electorate.

It would appear there has been little consideration given to the fact the Western region would be losing a representative, a matter for concern considering our isolation and the unique challenges facing the region.

While being mindful of the 'numbers' requirement of the Act it seems that the proposal is ill-considered and indicates a total lack of understanding of the commercial and social association between communities within the region.

We live in White Cliffs – a small community of 210 persons – which may be insignificant to some, but we assure you we are considered a pro-active and forward looking community.

There is an assumption that Menindee, Milparinka, Tibooburra, White Cliffs and Wilcannia do their business and socialising with Dubbo directly and not with Broken Hill their closest centre.

For over 116 years Broken Hill has been considered the hub for our Far West region- it is the supplier of goods and services required by these communities, it has been the Centre for Regional Tourism, it has been the venue for entertainment and social activities. Broken Hill has hosted a variety of important regional events- Royal Flying Doctor Balls, St. Pat's Races, and the biennial Ag Fair.

To imply that Broken Hill has a greater association with Wentworth indicates to us a lack of fundamental research throughout the Far West region-it appears too easy to draw a line on a map!

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2. AC (RM) - to Redist' Sec-tariat
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Other factors apparently overlooked include:

- the cost in funding and time the member for Farrer would require to travel throughout the electorate.
- the overlap the member for Parkes would be undertaking to travel via Broken Hill to reach unincorporated communities.

The final analysis remains- the West simply cannot lose a representative in Canberra.

Yours faithfully,

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