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Subject Proposed Electoral Boundary Changes

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you in relation to the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries in western NSW. Yet again it is a case of the government introducing sweeping changes without consulting the people who are affected most by these changes. The creation of a "Gwydir/Parkes super seat" is yet another erosion of the rights and ability of residents of western NSW to have their say and get fair and equitable representation in parliament. The fact that this seat would cover almost half the state and that the many towns, economies, and industries within this area are so diverse means that it would be impossible for all of the constituents of this seat to get adequate representation. A large proportion of Australia's agricultural commodity production occurs within this seat and for these industries to get a fair deal it is essential that this area have two separate representatives. This is yet another case of the government not being able to see past the "sandstone curtain". People in the country pay the same amount of tax as their city counterparts yet it appears that they are set to be under-represented in an un-equitable redistribution of political representation.

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