



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES

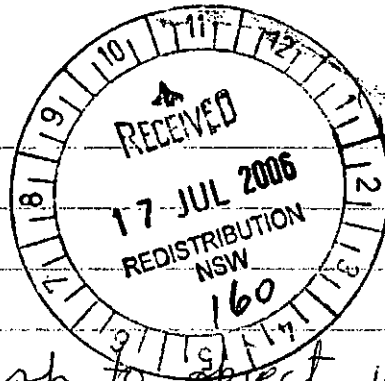


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**Public Objection Number: 160**

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Dear Sir,

I wish to object in the strongest possible way to the proposed loss of Gwydir Electorate to be swallowed up into the proposed monster (in size) seat of Parkes.

It is nothing short of disgraceful and completely uncaring to the people who would reside in this vast tract of land and the poor unfortunate Member who is meant to look after his electorate let alone a cabinet

position as well. It seems that the city-based redistribution squad have no idea what is involved and they do not care. When this 1 vote 1 value came in, (was it over 100 yrs ago?), the population

of Australia was rather scattered. Now it is a coastal/city based population, and unless something is done to equalise this problem of vast inland electorates and small (in geographic terms) of city/coastal electorates, it will become increasingly impossible for country people and their politicians to have any sort of voice let alone the extremity of having to drive hundreds of miles/kms to see their elected representative or senator.

Why I wonder is this rule glossed over in Tasmania where there are far more elected senators/rep's in proportion to their population and we on the mainland are subjected to these unmanageable sized electorates. Gwydir was big enough as it was! Gwydir is a huge food/export source

to Australia. To flagrantly disregard all these reasons surely means that you don't care for the humanity west of the Divide. Please try to do something to change this iniquitous proposal, and leave Gwydir and Parkes electorates as they are.

I await your reply.

yours faithfully

RR Morse.