



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES

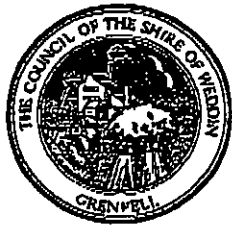


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Dear Sir

SUBJECT: NSW FEDERAL ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION PROPOSAL

This letter is to formally advise Council's objection to the reduction of rural seats in New South Wales, which has resulted in the disappearance of the seat of Gwydir.

The redistribution has created the need for significant boundary adjustments throughout the western part of the state. As a result the Weddin Shire (for one) is being transferred from Parkes to Calare electorate, and established relationships will be disrupted as a consequence.

More importantly, the loss of this seat means diminished representation for rural electors. The lesser representation will make it more difficult for country areas to gain an equitable share of funding for capital improvements for roads, health and other facilities, which often seems to be distributed on an electoral basis. Together with the after-effects of the current drought, Council is concerned that there will be a significant adverse affect on communities west of the Blue Mountains.

Council requests the reconsideration of the decision to decrease the number of rural seats.

Yours faithfully

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GENERAL MANAGER