



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Dear Commissioners

We are extremely concerned over the new boundaries that have been drafted for the redistribution in NSW. We are writing to oppose the drafting of the new seat of Parkes which effectively abolishes the seat of Gwydir. This is a Federation seat and should remain part of the history of Australia.

This appears to be an attack by people in the city on the people in the bush as it reduces the already limited number of country seats. This has implications for the entire population of regional and country Australia.

Because of the sheer size of the area proposed, it takes away the opportunity for a country representative to adequately service his or her electorate.

We understand the AEC report noted that 'the twenty-eight greater Sydney electoral divisions are collectively expected to experience a slight decrease in their enrolment share'. I have great difficulty with the decision to remove the seat of Gwydir from the political landscape entirely rather than move some Sydney seat boundaries around marginally.

As John Anderson is retiring at the next election, it appears that the AEC has taken the 'easy option' by proposing to abolish his seat.

Please do not go down this path - there are alternatives and we urge you to use the laws given to you to find a fairer way.

Yours sincerely

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