



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Subject Opposition to proposed abolishment of Gwydir  
Electorate

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Dear Committee Members,

Please find the reasons for my objection attached.



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26<sup>th</sup> July, 2006.  
6 Elizabeth St,  
Gunnedah,2380.

Redistribution Committee for NSW  
PO Box 20014  
World Square, NSW,2002

Dear Committee Members,

I strongly oppose the planned redistribution in NSW whereby the Federal seat of Gwyder is abolished.

Having spent most of my married life in the Parkes electorate I know just how big that electorate is and how hard it has been for the different Federal Members for Parkes over the years to meet their obligations:- to the electorate by covering the electorate and providing opportunities to meet the people they represent;

:- to the Parliament

:- to their families and to have a little personal life.

I now live in Gunnedah , in the Gwyder Electorate- not a small electorate by any means and it seems ludicrous that any committee could seriously think that any one person can adequately represent a combination of most of Parkes and Gwyder and fairly represent us in Parliament.

My understanding is that Gwyder was approximately 8000 voters short. It would seem that any competent committee would have added the shortfall from a neighbouring electorate and work their way to the coast/cities. These electorates allow their member to travel comfortably from one side to the other in a matter of A FEW HOURS –Not days.

My understanding is that Labour, Liberal and National Parties did NOT propose the abolition of Gwyder.

DID THE COMMITTEE, IN THEIR WISDOM, ACTUALLY LEAVE THEIR URBAN BASE AND SPEND TIME TRAVELLING AROUND THE PROSED NEW PARKES ELECTORATE- ESPECIALLY BY ONLY CAR AND EXISTING AIR TRAVEL LINKS? They would find that there is no logical air links and that they would have had to go via Sydney on many occasions.

I cannot help but think that if the committee had ventured into the area they would have realized that this is not fair representation in the spirit that the makers of our Federal system envisaged.

Sandra Walker