



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Redistribution Committee NSW

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Dear Sir,

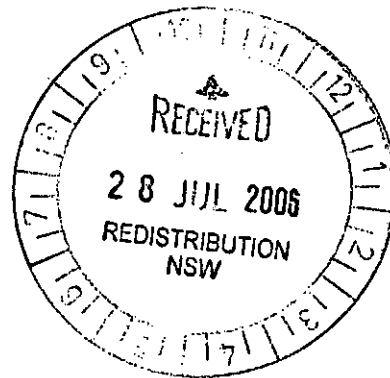
Please find enclosed a copy of some of the thoughts of my students on the current redistribution proposals. As you may be aware, students in NSW are encouraged to become informed and active citizens as part of their learning in HSIE. Year 9 students were encouraged to read articles on the redistribution published in the media, including The Land newspaper.

The students did not have time to edit and retype their responses. However, I'm sure that you will understand the sentiments contained in their writing. All of the students currently live in the electorate of Gwydir and have seen their current Federal representative in the community. They are aware of the work that he does to represent the community. Most of the students are shocked at the size of the proposed electorate of Parkes. They are also concerned about being combined into Calare, where the population of Orange may overwhelm their voices.

Thank you for considering their views as they are the future. A reply would be most welcome, as the students need to understand that their opinions are valuable.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Robyn Andrews
(Geography teacher)



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Dear chairman,

I am writing to you on this 21st of April due to the redistribution of Gwydir. I am in strong disagreement with this proposal. If this goes ahead Parkes will be a very large area and too much for our Federal representative Jon Anderson to handle. Please feel free to reply to me

from Jason of Mudgee N.S.W

To Dear Chairman:

19.7.06

I am A student of St Mathews school Mudgee.
But I live in Gulgong and I am very
concerned that the Government has moved
Gulgong to become a part of the Calare
region. When it belongs apart of the
Hunter Region. Im wondering what
better it is going to do for Our Region.

Regards Clare Bowden.

Dear Chairmen,

I am a student living in Mudgee currently in the electorate of Gwydir. I think it is unnecessary to get rid of the electorate of Gwydir. You could get rid of one of the small electorates that we don't need. ~~Because you~~ You do not need to make the electorate of Parks any bigger by getting rid of Gwydir. The electorate of Parks is so big that it is simply not possible for one person to speak on behalf of all those towns with different problems and visit them as well as do their job properly. This is why you should not ~~merge~~ get rid of Gwydir. Also there are few country electorates so we don't need one less.

20.7.06.

Electoral Redistribution

- Mark Vaile said the redistribution would leave six electoral divisions west of the great dividing range.

Dear chairman,

I am a student living in Mudgee. Currently in the electorate of Gwydir. I am writing to protest about the proposed redistribution. Because of this proposal country people will not be represented because it is too hard for just one person to represent such a large area.

Dear Chairman

I am a student from St Matthews Central school, I live in Hargraves and was living in the ~~the~~ Gwydir region until it recently changed to Calare and making the region ever bigger. Even though I am too young to vote yet, I still feel I have a right to have a say, I believe that it is ridiculous making Parkes ^{region} a lot bigger and only having one ~~map~~ member to represent the rural's voice. You are taking away our voice which is already small enough and making the seats in Parliament representing us even smaller. If you take away our voice we would suffer greatly missing out on things that we would greatly need more than the city areas.

Many Men, Women and children would agree with me that you are doing the wrong thing and you

should greatly think before you act because if you do do ^{the} wrong thing to rural communities there will be a lot of dissapointed people that know that ^{they} can never ask for something from you again and when you say something they won't be able to trust and believe in you again.

Yours sincerely

~~J Birch~~

20.7.06

Dear Chairman,

I am ~~am~~ a student living in Mudgee, currently in the electorate of Gwydir.

I have recently found out about the planned electoral redistribution, and I believe that it is ~~an~~ unfair and ridiculous. It will not only make it near impossible for the Federal Representative to travel ~~to~~ and hear what everyone has to say, it will also 'silence' the country peoples voice.

~~This~~ would ^{also} mean that places ~~that~~ in the same ^{it} electorate would possibly not have the same views because they have different agricultural needs, therefore different views.

Electoral Redistribution

Dear Chairman,

I am a student living in ~~Wollour~~ Wollour, via Mudgee currently in the electorate of Gwydir.

I think this change in the boundaries is a ~~so~~ ~~red~~ ~~re~~ ~~di~~ ~~cu~~ ~~li~~ ~~o~~ ~~s~~ ~~i~~ ~~d~~ ~~e~~ ~~a~~ ~~.~~ Because in the city they have a small area to look after while, ~~the~~ ~~y~~ ~~e~~ ~~m~~ ~~p~~ ~~e~~ ~~o~~ ~~w~~ ~~h~~ ~~o~~ ~~r~~ ~~e~~ ~~p~~ ~~r~~ ~~e~~ ~~s~~ ~~e~~ ~~n~~ ~~t~~ ~~s~~ ~~t~~ ~~h~~ ~~e~~ ~~c~~ ~~o~~ ~~u~~ ~~n~~ ~~t~~ ~~r~~ ~~y~~ ~~b~~ ~~o~~ ~~u~~ ~~n~~ ~~d~~ ~~r~~ ~~i~~ ~~e~~ ~~s~~ ~~h~~ ~~a~~ ~~v~~ ~~e~~ ~~a~~ ~~l~~ ~~a~~ ~~r~~ ~~g~~ ~~e~~ ~~a~~ ~~m~~ ~~o~~ ~~u~~ ~~n~~ ~~t~~ ~~o~~ ~~f~~ ~~a~~ ~~r~~ ~~e~~ ~~a~~. The people who look after the boundaries can't get to the large amount of destination, while the people who represent the city only have to represent a small area.

This doesn't work out that well because in the country you have to travel a large area if you represent the boundaries for Parkes/Gwydir. It is also unfair because some of them don't get out much because of other important proposal.

Dear Chairman
I'm a student living in the electorate
of Gwydir. I am disgusted with the redistribution
because the electorate of Parkes is too big.
Many people are being moved out of the
electorate of ~~Parkes~~^{Gwydir} into different electorates
that are not ~~common~~ commonly known. It's
now getting ~~impossible~~ impossible for local members
to represent the community and even that
small problems ~~are~~ will not be recognised.
Just think of how better it would
be if ~~everything~~ every thing was back
to normal. Just think about it.
Chris Sabiba

Dear Chairman,

I am a student living in Gulgong within the electorate of Gwydir. I ~~believe that what you are~~ ^{and} ~~strongly~~ ^{wholeheartedly} believe that what you are doing ^{to Gulgong} ~~is wrong~~. I know that ~~we~~ in Gulgong we don't make much of a living of the government's decision and by decreasing the number of people ~~we~~ we have representing us, ~~the government~~ the government will make ~~even~~ worse decisions that ~~benefit~~ us even less. So please, think through what you are doing and realize that everyone has voices and they all need to be heard.