



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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**Australian Electoral Commission
 Redistribution Committee for NSW
 PO Box 20014
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Dear Sir

On behalf of Bogan Shire Council based at Nyngan, and on behalf of the ratepayers in our Shire we represent, I am lodging a very strong objection to the Electoral Commission's proposed distribution to abolish the Federal seat of Gwydir and greatly expand the seat of Parkes.

Our objections centre around the following facts:-

- The new seat will be far too big for one person to represent the electors adequately and fairly compared to most other Federal seats;
- One less seat to represent rural and regional NSW;
- Too many large regional centres (Dubbo, Gunnedah, Moree) to the part of one electorate;
- Compared to Tasmania, which has five seats in the House of Representatives irrespective of population, this large seat based on population projections destroys the "one vote one value" equity situation;
- Alternate means are available to accommodate the need for a new seat in Queensland by abolishing a Federal seat in Western Sydney with minimal disruption to electoral representation.

We call on the Electoral Commission to seriously reconsider abolishing the seat of Gwydir. We also strongly request the Electoral Commission to be very transparent in making available the result of the response to this redistribution, and to publicly, in the areas concerned be prepared to hold public meetings to inform electors why this final decision may still see the abolition of the seat of Gwydir.

Yours faithfully

**RL Donald
 MAYOR**

