



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION.

On behalf of the concerned citizens of Tullibigeal and district I present the case for the retention of the Federal Seats of Parkes and Lwyder in their present ^{size} with little change needed.

The Australian Electoral Commission's proposal to abolish the Federal seat of Lwyder and include the majority of the seat into the seat of Parkes is done solely on population. We would like to know how you justify this decision, after you were mindful of the opposition in the size of the State seat of Murray-Darling, and reduced not increased its size.

If the electoral commission abolish the seat of Lwyder, the recent drought in the Tullibigeal district and the adjustment of cattle to the Moree district it was necessary to leave at 2.00am to reach Moree after about a 1/2 hour trip in the truck. Also the expense, the price of fuel, made adjustment an expensive operation. So the member of Parliament would spend an unnecessary amount of time travelling without representing anybody.

In the N.S.W. mental health system when the present Premier was the State Minister for health, he combined the areas into mega areas, such as The Southern Region and The Greater Murray. The mental health employees are



expected to travel from Queanbeyan to Albury to attend business and return a 4 hours trip. They are given a mobile phone while travelling to and fro to answer. The result of all this is the resignation of many of these employees are to tired to continue working. The same thing would happen if these two Electorates are combined into one. No person alive should be expected to represent such a vast area, with especially kangaroos a constant danger on the road while travelling the outback regions.

There has been no consideration to decentralise to take the pressure off the city and coastal regions. There is an ideal opportunity to make the country regions attractive to urban investment if a greater percentage of population is allowed to stay. The city has water restrictions, traffic hazards, health problems and other problems too.

If the freeway was built over the Blue Mountains, it would open up the country and so it would reverse the trend of the move to the coast.

As there are 19 Local Government areas in the new proposed seat, it must be remembered that most of these are the biggest Shires in the State. The Lachlan Shire being one of the biggest

bigger those are too many roads to service now. So how would a member be expected to service (represent) a seat of this magnitude.

There is no combination of the Health system between the people in the North of the State and South. In the South we go to Wagga Griffith area, The North to Orange, Dubbo and as I live in the South I have no idea where the people of Walgett, Moree, Narrabri and the district would go to receive their hospital treatment.

Production wise the two current seats are by no way lacking in their production capacity.

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