



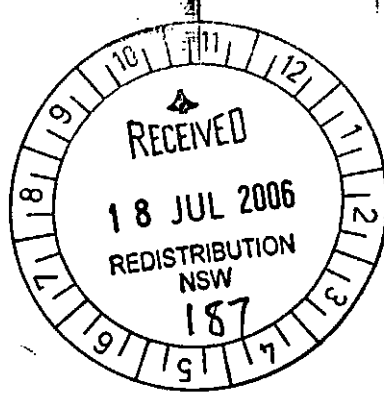
The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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The Secretary,
Redistribution Committee for NSW
Australian Electoral Commission (NSW)
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Dear Sir,

I write to add my voice against the proposed electoral redistribution of the Gwydir electorate. This huge electorate should not be permitted. Its boundaries should take into account the welfare of the voters and people who live in the region.

Whilst I am a resident of Roseville, NSW, a suburb of Sydney, my business and other interests takes me regularly into remote and rural NSW and Queensland. I am aware of the need for people in remote areas to be fairly represented so as to have the benefit of a modern, first class community which as Australians we are all proud of and all require to enable proper participation.

Both the Nationals and the Liberals argue strongly that there is a case for the abolition of a Sydney electorate. This would cause far less disruption and be much more equitable than abolishing the Gwydir electorate. Estimated growth rates given by the AEC do not predict the Parkes or Gwydir electorates to have the lowest rates of growth in Australia.

An electorate known as "Parkes" of almost 380,000 sq kms is about 47% of NSW. That is unfairly large on the people and the politician who represents them. It effectively deprives them of access to a politician and a reasonable voice in the Parliament. It would be bigger than Tasmania in area.

MPs usually are close to their representative electors and people. At most, even in country areas, a short drive. To make an electorate this big is unfair and ridiculous on the MP, let alone the people whom he or she represents. It is man-breaking for a politician to service a community of that size.

In NSW's redistribution, the size of the electorate Murray-Darling was reduced, much for the reasons set out above. The Federal AEC should do the same.

Yours truly,
Spencer Ferrier