



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES

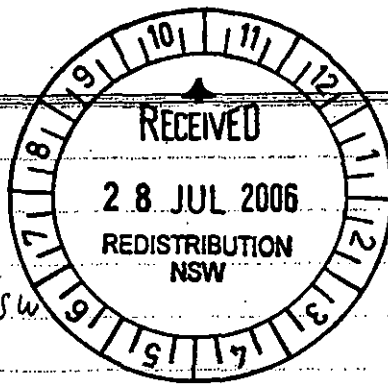


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The Electoral Commission of NSW

Dear Sir

I am an 85 year old elector in the electorate of Gympie. I have lived in the electorate all my life except for 5 years away during the 39-45 war.

I think the proposed electorate of Parkes is far too big in size for one MP to service properly. If the MP had a meeting at say 10 AM in one part of the electorate and another at 2 PM at another part of the electorate and had 500 kms. to travel between the two and bearing in mind that most of the transport corridors whether air, rail or road, would be across and not parallel to the way he wanted to travel, that means that he would have to go by car, probably by a round about route. Do you want the MP to exceed the speed limits in trying to keep the appointment time.

The same applies to people wanting to see their MP. The tyranny of distance comes in, and most of the people in the electorate would not be able to see their MP.

And the same applies to local government. I have read that there will be 19 local government areas in the proposed electorate of Parkes. How could one MP keep in touch with all these.

Recently I was down in the Sydney area visiting friends and asked them where their Federal M.P. office was. They didn't know but found out. It was only 4 minutes drive away and perhaps a little larger at times because of crossing a busy road.

If the proposed redistribution into a seat of Parkes goes ahead I will be very disappointed and disillusioned with the Electoral Commission and everybody I have spoken too far the same way.

Yours Sincerely
H. B. Beeson