

## The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES



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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to register my strong objection to the proposed abolition of the Federal Seat of Gwyder

It is impossible for one person to service 47% of New South Wales, to even attempt to be a presence in the townships of this area would require herculean physical strength, unlimited time and travelling expenses. It is the responsibility of the elected member to represent his constituents and their needs. He cannot do this if he doesn't know what they are, and has not been able to view the area.

The electorates are devised on present population and predicted population. This is all very good on paper, but the population of the country areas are supporting the higher populated areas and getting less and less support with even the very basic services. The people in the "Bush" are having to fight harder and harder to get any services, but are still expected to pay the same taxes. To abolish this country seat will give less voice to country areas.

I ask the question, if a Federal Seat has to go, why can't it be taken from the city, where the redistribution would have less effect? Given, there is greater population, but the population is more easily reached, and their needs assessed. If the country areas were more readily represented, then it would be more attractive to population to come back to the country, with industry and jobs, relieving the pressure on the city facilities.

If country people are to continue to pay their taxes, levies etc. and the trend is to "User Pay" for amenities, then they are entitled to adequate representation, and this cannot be done, if the country electorates cover such huge areas.

Yours Faithfully, Bflanpbell

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