



**The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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Subject Proposed abolition of Gwydir electorate

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To the Electoral Commissioners,

I object to the proposed changes to the Gwydir electoral boundaries.

The proposed change is ludicrous. The people who have put this forward have no concept of the real world in rural Australia. The distances are vast - this is not simply a numbers issue - it is about recognising the unique nature of the Australian population spread.

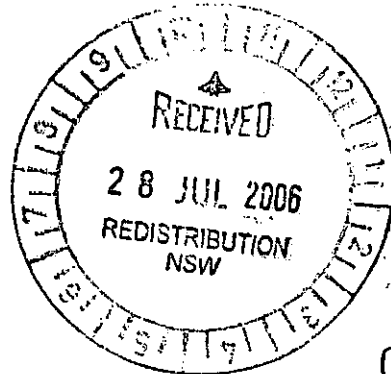
We have a huge state and not many people, proportionately, in much of it - but as Australians we are entitled to a reasonable chance of representation by our elected Federal Member. This bizarre proposal by the AEC will render country people even more impotent in terms of having their voice heard, yet we contribute much and pay our taxes and suffer poor transport infrastructure and high costs.

A stupid proposal like this would not have even got on to the table for discussion if the Electoral Commissioners lived in the country.

Please take the idea back and re-examine it in the context of a fair go for country people.

I write this with the full understanding that nobody will read it, but I have to live in hope.

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