



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Dear Members of the Electoral Commission

As a resident of Narrabri currently in the Gwydir electorate, I wish to express my significant concern over the proposed NSW redistribution in which the proposal is for the removal of the seat of Gwydir and amalgamation of the electors in this seat into an much larger area of Parkes.

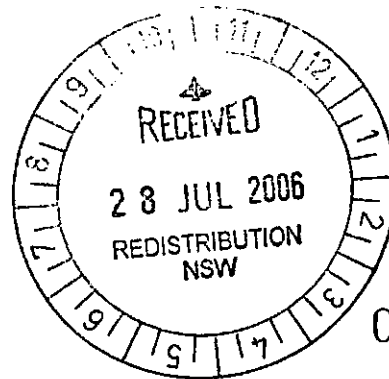
While this might satisfy the requirements of one vote one value" in principle, in practice it makes it more difficult for the sitting member to service his/her electorate and for electors to have the opportunity to meet their elected representative. The size of the proposed redistributed Parkes electorate increases the problems that are already worse in country electorates like the current Parkes and Gwydir electorates compared to city electorates. The fact that elected representatives in seats covering large areas are given larger allowances to compensate for the extra travel required to service their electorates does not compensate for the time it take for them to do this compared to the city seats with much smaller areas.

In short the proposed redistribution does not represent to me an improvement in my potential to physically meet with my elected member should I wish to do so and hence does not meet my measure of one vote one value.

Although it would involve more electorates, I would strongly urge the Commission to consider effecting the redistribution through changes to boundaries of inner city seats not making country seats bigger in area.

Yours sincerely

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