



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Dear Mr Stoner

I have been struggling to find where I can voice my complete opposition to the abolition of the seat of Gwydir and hope that the Nationals can include this contribution in it's bid to save the seat.

I am very saddened that another blow has been delivered to country people who can least afford to have their representation cut. Taking away their representation only confirms the general lack of understanding of the importance of rural confidence to the prosperity of Australia and reinforces the negativity that has permeated into the rural sectors in recent times. The bush has been working to reverse it's image of being down and out and only with nationally focussed effort can their efforts be fulfilled. Granted the demography of the bush has changed and that will only increase if representation is undermined.

It is ridiculous to think that representation can be maintained with a seat that covers almost half the state. How can anyone do such a job. Surely some other course of action can be implemented. I heard a suggestion that the seat boundaries are presently formed from the high population areas out to Western NSW and a solution could be to form them in reverse.

I hope my objection is heard

Yours sincerely

Margaret te Velde