

The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES

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Australian Electoral Commission.

Dear Sir / Madam,

We are writing to express our gravest concerns with regard to the proposed redistribution in the seat of Gywder.

It is already a large electorate, regardless of population density, and is extremely demanding for our current member to be accessable to us as constituents.

To consider creating an electorate covering almost half of NSW will deny many people a fair opportunity to have access to their Member, quite apart from the physical impossibility of that Member being able to traverse the electorate.

It would not surprise me if some city Members could walk around their electorate in less than a day and be accessible to all their constituents. A Member for the proposed seat of Parkes may be able to fly around his boundary in a day - but that would be as close as he came to his constituents. In closing, we find it abhorrent that our right to fair representation will be denied if this proposal is implemented.

Yours faithfully,

Owen and Maree Jones