



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES

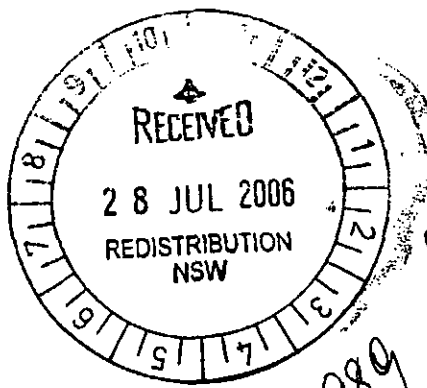


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To whom it may Concern,

**Abolition of the Federal Electorate of Gwydir**

I am aghast at the decision to combine the Federal electorates of Gwydir and Parkes. This is virtually the same as just abolishing the seat of Gwydir which means, we, the people of Gwydir, will have no representation in our Federal Government. There is absolutely no way that one person could represent effectively all the people of western and north western New South Wales.

This blatant disregard for the people of these two electorates just reinforces the contempt that urbanised people of Australia hold for the regional people of Australia. There is absolutely no regard for our welfare or well being.

I urge you to redistribute the electorates of NSW in a much more equitable manner by combining two urbanised electorates in one of the larger metropolitan areas where its effect will have very little impact because transport, especially public transport, is much more readily accessible and will not inconvenience the constituents or their representative, at all.

There is no way an elderly person in Gunnedah will be able to see their elected representative because of the constraints of distance, no available public transport to Dubbo, and cost of communication. They will have virtually no way of contacting their representative except through the mail. This is a deplorable situation.

I strongly object to the abolition of the Federal Electorate of Gwydir.

Lorraine Kent