



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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**RE: Abolition of Gwydir and Changed Calare Boundaries**

I wish to register my objections to the proposed changes to the Federal seats in the Central West of NSW.

I object on the following grounds:

- Gwydir is one of the few Federation seats left, going back more than 105 years, and should not be abolished.
- Massive expansion of the Parkes and Calare seats will make it extremely difficult for a Member to adequately represent his or her constituents, due to the huge geographical areas to be covered.
- It is inconceivable that a huge inland electorate is proposed, which will cover 47% of the State of NSW and be twice the size of the State of Victoria.
- Geographical and community interests in the proposed Parkes and Calare electorates are growing and are already too diverse to be represented adequately by the proposed changes.
- Country people will have access to their MP's reduced and the voice of regional communities will also be reduced.

It appears to me that these proposed changes have not been well thought out and they seem little more than opportunistic when John Anderson is about to retire.

While I would welcome being represented again by Peter Andren (I moved to this area in 2000 for that very reason), it also beggars belief that the cities of Bathurst and Lithgow are proposed to be removed from Calare. What a convenient way to try and silence one of the few voices of reason in Federal Parliament!

Yours sincerely,

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