



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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The Australian Electoral Commission,

Dear Sirs,

As a past property owner of and with many friends still residing in the Federal Electorate of Gwydir, I cannot believe that your Commission would want to abolish Gwydir and amalgamate with Parkes to cover 47% of N.S.W. which is an impossible area for any political elected politician to be able to adequately represent the constituents with any capability.

Our present Co-alition Parliamentarians are in strong agreement that there is a very real need instead to abolish a Sydney Electorate which would be much more equitable instead of abolishing the Gwydir Electorate.

Surely in your wisdom and with your knowledge of the vastness of the Western Electorates you should be able to retain the present Gwydir Electorate in which I lived for some 58 years and have personally traversed much of the country western areas of N.S.W. and do understand the huge mileage necessary for any resident to be able to access the Political Representative which very effectively reduces the voice of country people in Federal Parliament. In Sydney people are only 10 minutes at the most from their M.P. office but in newly proposed seat of Parkes would have to drive for hours and hours.

Also the Australian Electoral Commission do not predict that Parkes or Gwydir have the lowest rates of growth. I consider it very perplexing that in this current redistribution such a huge seat would be created and to remind you that the N.S.W. Commissions recent electoral redistribution were mindful of the huge size of the state seat of Murray-Darling which they reduced.

It is almost beyond belief to think that the Seat of Parkes would be larger than Japan or Germany and 5 times the size of Tasmania in this day and age.

The Nationals support the retention of existing boundaries between coastal and inland divisions where possible using the Great Dividing Range as a sensible dividing line.

Thus I do hope your Commission will use the above knowledge and retain the Electorate of Gwydir, please

I Remain,
Yours Sincerely,
R.R. (Richard) SCOTT.

