



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES

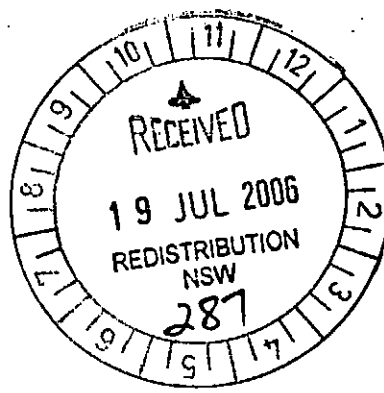


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17<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

Redistribution Committee for NSW  
PO Box 20014  
World Square NSW 2002.

Dear Sirs,

**I wish to object to the proposed amalgamation of Gwydir with Parkes Electorates.**

These two seats are extremely large in area and represent an unwieldy area of culturally and economically diverse communities. The three major parties did not argue for the abolition of the Gwydir Electorate.

Please take into consideration of the vastness of the Parkes Electorate alone and with most of the Gwydir electorate added the total area will comprise 47.3 per cent of New South Wales, an unbelievable area to be administered by one Parliamentarian. This proposed area is based on population and not equity of representation.

These two seats are apparently 10 per cent short of the average seats population, but please take into account of the drifting population due to the down turn of rural economies depending largely on agriculture and suffering from a prolonged drought, the worst for a century.. Many rural families and workers have had to leave the area and seek employment elsewhere, and this hopefully will change as and when the drought breaks and the irrigation dams fill enabling the rural areas to be viable and workers and their families will be very much sort after.

The proposal that the AEC has taken is a city centric approach at the great expense of rural and regional New South Wales, and wrongly based on population and not of equity of representation. The proposal to amalgamate the two electorates means that every New South Wales voter has less voice in Canberra and gives the people living in the country just 28 per cent of the States voting power.

I hope the Australian Electorate Committee and the Redistribution Committee will take the above concerns into consideration and NOT abolish the Gwydir Electorate.

Yours faithfully

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