



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES

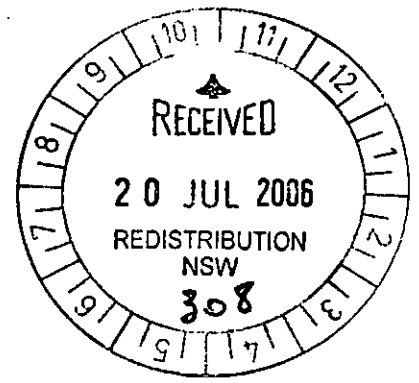


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To the Federal Redistribution Committee

I asked myself recently, "What is a member of Parliament?"
I asked the same question of a number of friends. In my head I collated their answers.

He/she is a person elected by a majority of people in that electorate.

His or her responsibility is to represent all people in that electorate.

To do this he/she would need to become very familiar with the residents from all areas of that electorate.

He or she would need to have an in depth understanding of their wants, needs and problems.

Any reasonable person would agree that this would require a great deal of close contact with the entire electorate.

Okay?

Then can anyone tell me how the hell any one person could do this in an electorate so wide spread as to be able to encompass the nation of Japan?!

This is as ridiculous as asking a long distance truck driver to take time out on his trips to meet people.

Strange analogy?


No! Taking the enormous distances involved to make any sort of effort to service the new electorate of Parkes the elected member would find him/herself clocking up mileage similar to a long distance truck driver.

What sort of service is going to be provided for the people in that electorate?

Who cares? After all they're only country people!

Is this really the philosophy of the Redistribution Committee?

Scrap this absurd map and start again.



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