



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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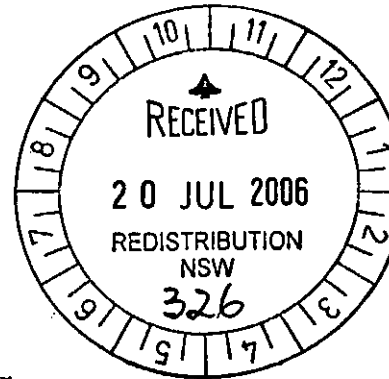
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Redistribution committee of the NSW,
Australian Electoral Commission (NSW),
PO box 20014,
World Square NSW 2002



Dear Sir,

Concerning boundaries re distribution for NSW & the seat of Gwydir

I write to express my concern about the above-mentioned proposal to abolish the seat of **Gwydir** and merge it into Parkes.

The AEC proposal will create a seat of almost 380,000 square kilometres in area, which is nearly 47% of the area of NSW.

The estimated growth rates provided by the AEC did not predict either of these electorates to have the lowest rates of growth.

The creation of such a new, enormous electorate, will effectively reduce the voice of people living in the country and the regions, in Federal Parliament. This runs counter to the principles of democratic representation in the House of Representatives.

Whilst people living in capital cities and the suburbs, may be a matter of only 10 to 15 minutes away from the office of their MHR, the proposed seat of Parkes would mean that people will have to drive many hours to see their member of Parliament.

In the recent NSW electoral redistribution, the commissioners were mindful of the huge size of the State seat of Murray-Darling and those commissioners took the opportunity to reduce the size of the electorate and not increase it.

I support the retention of the existing boundaries and the retention of the seat of **Gwydir**.

Most importantly, it seems that the legislative requirements of communities of interest and the size of the electorates to be considered in the redistribution process have been ignored.

Yours sincerely,
Peter sochacki