



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Objection to proposed redistribution Gywdir

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistribution by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) that will abolish Gywdir and merge the electorate into the seat of Parkes. There are a number of obvious reasons why this ridiculous proposal should be withdrawn. I believe it would be impossible for 1 Member of Parliament to adequately represent the constituents on the proposed seat covering approximately 380,000 km.

By creating such a huge electorate the proposal effectively reduces the voice of country people in the Federal Parliament.

For people living at Bourke, no longer could they visit their Federal Member of Parliament with a 4 hour drive enabling them to do so in 1 busy day. With the proposed redistribution this would involve a 16 hour drive which would take 2 days.

Given that I will get a "standard response" to this letter, I will not waste either your time or mine in spouting the virtues of adequate representation in the greatest democracy in the world instead I will summaries:

- Commissioners on a recent NSW electoral redistribution took into account the enormous size of the State seat of Murray Darling and reduced its size while this proposal involves creating a seat larger than Murray Darling.
- Legislative requirements for communities of interest and the size of the proposed seat seem to have been ignored.
- This proposal would result in a seat covering 5 ½ times the size of Tasmania, how could this be seen as a balance decision.

~~In~~ summary, I completely oppose this proposal.

Yours truly,



Angus Atkinson

