



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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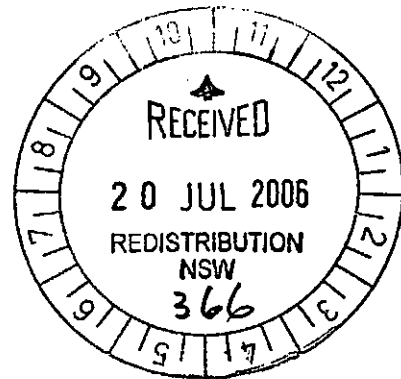
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The Secretary,  
Redistribution Committee of NSW,  
P.O. Box 20014,  
WORLD SQUARE. NSW 2002.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Parkes Redistribution



I wish to register my objection to this absurd Redistribution.

Firstly, I would like to draw your attention to the absolute confusion you will create by making the town of Parkes out side of the electorate of Parkes. Parkes is named after Sir Henry Parkes and the seat of Parkes is named after that founding father of this nation. The town of Parkes has been part of the electorate of Parkes since its inception. Your redistribution will confuse voters. It also is an insult to the Town of Parkes and the memory of Sir Henry Parkes by separating the Electorate and the town of Parkes.

Parkes has no relationship with Calare. We do very little business or have any other relationship with Orange. Parkes lies on the Newell Highway which goes north and south and has more community of interest with Dubbo than Orange.

Why is the Committee determined to make an electorate that covers 47 per cent of NSW and creates an Electorate the size of the average country. Japan, South Africa, Germany, the UK and many other countries are smaller.

I realise that the Electoral Act requires that you reduce the NSW electorates by one but why don't you do it by reducing a metropolitan electorate. I suspect not one of the members of your Committee have ever lived west of the great dividing range. A metropolitan or east coast electorate could be abolished and the result would be hardly noticeable. But abolishing and combining the two largest electorates in the State is really a dumb decision.

A politician representing a metropolitan seat in Sydney could walk through his electorate in less than half an hour. But the member for the future seat of Parkes would not only have to take a packed lunch but a sleeping bag, and supplies for a month to walk through the electorate.....So how do those who have the misfortune of living west of the great dividing range expect to see or make contact with our local member of parliament in such an enormous electorate.

Finally, it seems that the Committee has ignored the legislative requirements that communities of interest and the size of the electorates must be taken into account.

Please reconsider your decision.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Olson.